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Lxbridge Monthly Mtg.
Epistles and
Certificates
7th mo 1783 — 7th mo 1811
NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
MEETING OF FRIENDS

Uxbridge

Monthly Meetings

Book of Records

for Epistles. Certificates.

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Uxbridge Monthly Meeting

Men

Women

Epistles, Certificates

&c.

From 7th Mo. 1783 - 7th Mo. 1811

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield the 10th of the 7th mo 1793.
The Committee appointed to consider of
dividing Smithfield Monthly-Meeting report
as follows.

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be
held at Smithfield for Rhode-Island.

Agreeable to your appointment some of us
have attend the Monthly Meeting at Smithfield
sitting with them therein and the others of us the
Several Preparative meeting belonging there to and
have had Several conferences with their committee of
both men and women on the subject of dividing
their said Monthly Meeting, Endeavouring according
to our States and capacities to know the mind of truth
in that matter, and it is our sense and judgment
that the Northern Preparative meeting be
now divided off and constituted a distinct monthly me-
eting of both men and women Friends, by Name of the
Wabridge Monthly-Meeting and that the other two pre-
parative Meetings remain a Monthly-Meeting by
themselves and be continued under the Notice of the Qu-
arterly-Meeting for a further Division when they
shall be in a more suitable State therefore; all which
is Submitted to the Quarterly-Meeting by your
comtee Dated this 15th of the 6th mo 1793.

Thomas Eldrich

Samuel Smith Eber Davis Ebenezer Hunt Philip
Tripp Jonathan Chase 2nd

Which report is accepted and the said Monthly-
Meeting divided accordingly, And our Friends
Sampson Shearman William Anthony jun^r Gould
Marph Joseph Mitchell Thomas Eldrich and
Abner Porter are appointed to attend Smithfield
Monthly-Meeting and that of Wabridge (which this
Meeting directs to be held at Wabridge the next day after
Smithfield Monthly-Meeting untill next Quarterly
Meeting) and to assist said Meetings in the Divi-
sion

of all matters necessary to be divided between them, and
to conclude upon time and place to hold Uxbridge Meeting
in future and to consider of the further Division of Smith-
field Monthly-Meetings, and also to consider of the
manner of holding the Select Meeting in said two more
Monthly Meetings and make report to our next Quarterly
Meeting. Untill which time the Select Members of both
Monthly-Meetings are directed to meet together as hereto-
fore; they are also requested to consider of the manner of
holding Smithfield Monthly-Meeting

A Copy By George Comstock Clerk

A Copy of a minute of the Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Dartmouth for Rhode Island y^e 9th and 10th days of the 10th month 1783
The Committee appointed to assist Smithfield and Uxbridge Monthly
Meetings in dividing all matters necessary to be divided between said Meetings
and several other services relative to said Meetings as also to consider
of the further Division of Smithfield Monthly meeting make
Report that they have attended to that Service and that a satisfactory
Division of all matters necessary to be divided between them was
agreed on. and that they thought best Uxbridge Monthly Meeting
be held at Uxbridge on the sixth day after the last fifth day in each
Month untill next Quarterly and that Smithfield Lower Preparative
Meeting be now divided off and constituted a distinct Monthly Meeting
of both Men and Women Friends by the name of Providence
Monthly Meeting And also that the Select Members in said
Monthly Meetings meet together as usual untill further Directions
from the Quarterly Meeting. But by Information from some
Friends of them Monthly Meetings there seems to be some appear-
-ance of Dissatisfaction Since the Report was agreed on Where upon
the Division of such matters as are necessary to be divided between
said two Meetings is referred under the care of the same Committee
and they to make Return of their proceedings to our next Meeting

And the further Division of Smithfield Monthly Meeting is agreed
to by this Meeting and said Lower Preparative Meeting is accordingly
constituted a distinct Monthly Meeting of both Men and Women
Friends by the name of Providence Monthly Meeting and said
Committee is requested to attend the Monthly Meetings of Smithfield
and Providence and to assist them in dividing such matters as are
necessary to be divided between them and to consider of time and place for
holding Providence Monthly Meeting and make Report to our next
Meeting Untill which time said Providence Monthly Meeting is
directed to be held the first time on the ^{first} fourth day in the 11th mo and
afterward on the fourth day before the last fifth day in each Month at
Smithfield Lower Meeting House And this Meeting directs that the
Select members in said Monthly Meetings meetings meet together
as proposed by said Committee in their Report
Extracted by George Comstock Clark.

Dr Monthly Meeting before Divided in Acc^t Curr^t Co
1784 To Sundry Debts Due as per List £111. 7. 7½

By Sundry Credits £79. 19. 1½

By Balance due from the meeting 31. 8. 6

£111. 7. 7½

Smithfield 20. 2nd mo 1784

Then Adjudget and Settled all Accounts between the several Monthly Meetings of Smithfield Uxbridge and Providence which subsisted while together as one as per List of Debts and Credit to be entered in the said Monthly meeting Treasurers Book and it is agreed that the said Balance be equally paid by Smithfield and Providence Monthly Meetings so that the acct^t will stand Balanced as to Uxbridge having any thing to pay or receive save one half of the Donation of Rachel Trayer, being now agreed to be £400 there being £6. 4. 1½ of the Interest allowed to go as Principal to make sum, one half of which Sum being £200 is paid to Uxbridge in the following Securities viz Samuel Aldrich for £13. 6. 7½ Nathan & Jacob Aldrich £43. 9. 2 George Smith £5. 5. 1 & William Buffum £17. 19. 1½ and Smithfields Proportion being one Quarter is paid in William Buffums Note for one Hundred Pounds. and Providence paid in George Smiths Note for one Hundred Pounds Lawful Money. We have also Divided to Uxbridge half the Books Smithfield one Quarter and Providence one Quarter. Which Settlement we report to the several Monthly Meetings as our doings as a Committee Appointed by our Respective Monthly Meetings to Settle & Divide all matters to be settled & Divided between Uxbridge Smithfield & Providence and we have with present the Respective Securities to the Monthly Meetings to be disposed of all which is submitted by

Moses Brown

Augustus Lapham

Amasa Gray

Joseph Farnum

Jacob Arnold

George Comstock

William Buffum

William Bapst

Jesarianak Barrett

Richard Monry

Committee
for
Smithfield
Uxbridge

Committee
for
Uxbridge

From Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn for
Salem New Eng. the 8th of the 9th Month 1785
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. Beloved Friends
We Rec^d. Yours of the 7th Month last By which it appears that the
Matter respecting Bolton Preparative Meeting being set off to your
Monthly Meeting hath met your Concurrence and that the Yearly
Meeting hath set them off to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
and they have Annexed them to your Monthly Meeting.
We therefore according to your Request send you the following
Particulars Viz

1 The Members belonging to said Meeting are

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| Stephen Sweett &
Huldah his Wife
& Isaac Southwick | John Frye J: ^r
Jonathan Frye
James Frye
& Abigail Frye | Enoch Southwick
& Mary his Wife
Cynthia Southwick
Nancy Southwick
Betty Southwick
& Abigail Southwick |
| Jonathan Moor
& Mary his Wife | Dinah Baker
Stephen Baker
Huldah Baker
Hannah Baker
& Esther Baker | David Southwick
& Elizabeth his Wife
Jamesin Southwick
Stephen S. Southwick
Huldah Southwick |
| Obadiah Wheeler
& Hannah his Wife
Moses Wheeler
Asa Wheeler | Asa Southwick
Obadiah Wheeler J: ^r
& Anna his Wife | & Hannah Southwick |
| Jonathan Wheeler
Mary Wheeler
Peregreen Wheeler
Dinah Wheeler
& Levi Wheeler | Mary Wheeler
Anna Wheeler
Elizabeth Wheeler
Elenor Wheeler
Obadiah Wheeler 3 rd | Jonathan Wheeler J: ^r
& Mary his Wife
Daniel Wheeler
Elizabeth Wheeler
Ruth Wheeler
Hannah Wheeler
& Mary Wheeler |
| Sarah Gaskill
Esther Baker | Abraham Whaler
& Naomi his Wife
Hannah Wheeler
Abraham Wheeler J: ^r
Lydia Wheeler | Stephen Wheeler
& Miraim his Wife
Benjamin Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler 3 rd .
Stephen Wheeler J: ^r |
| John Frye
Obadiah Frye
William Frye
Mary Frye
Miraim Frye | | |

Debe M. Bride

Nathaniel Southwick
of whom see here under

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The above List is taken from the accot
from Bolton Meeting 7th Mo 7th 1785

The above are Members of s^d Meeting

of which

Stephen Swett is a Minister
John Frye } Elders
Anna Wheeler }
John Frye } Overseers
Jonathan Wheeler Jun^r }

Their Preparative ^{Meeting} is held the
first 5th Day in the Month
And their Midweek
Meeting on the fifth Day
of the Week

As to the Boundaries between said Meeting and any of ours we
know of none particularly fixed.

Nathaniel Southwick above mentioned being under Dealing by
this Meeting the Case now stands as follows which we Refer to
your Monthly Meeting.

Extract from the minutes of this Meeting of 5th Month 1785
A Complaint from Bolton Preparative Meeting by the Overseers
against Nathaniel Southwick for not attending Meetings and attending
Places of Publick Resort being under Consideration of this Meeting
and the Womens Meeting being Informed thereof. we have appointed
William Breed Abraham Wheeler Richard Holder & Isaac Bassett
a Committee to Visit him & Labour with him on account of his outgoings
and report to this Meeting as soon as may be.

Which s^d Committee have been Continued from time to time to the 8th Mo
1785 When they made the following Report.

Bolton 31st of the 7th Mo 1785. To the Monthly Meeting of Salem
Agreeable to appointment We have Visited Nathaniel Southwick &
Laboured with him on accot of his misconduct Who appeared in some
measure ~~meagre~~ sensible of his outgoings and gave some encourage-
ment of doing better in future and desires that Friends would further
wait on him in hopes that he may be enabled to make them Satisfaction.

And this Meeting Concludes that it may be } Isaac Bassett
best further to wait on him and the Clerk } Abraham Wheeler
is ordered to send a copy of the above Report and of the Meetings } William Breed
Proceedings respecting him to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting

Extracted from the Records by Isaac Hacker Clark.

We Conclude with our Salutation of Love & Inform you that,
All the above being laid before this Meeting was Read and after
weighty Consideration thereon is approved Isaac Hacker Clark
& Signed in behalf thereof By Anne Brind Clark

Extract from the Yearly Meetings minutes of Rhode Island began
and held at Newport from the 11th of 6th Month to the 14th Same
inclusive 1784 Viz: The Committee to take into Consideration the

General state of Society Make the following report Viz,

We your Committee appointed to Consider the General state of Society
do recommend the following advises to be Communicated to the Quarterly
Meetings Viz: The excessive use of Spirituous Liquors of all
kinds having for a Long time been seen by our Society to be a practice
tending to lead from calmness and innocency to the many evils which
are the Consequences of intemperance and a concern having arose
for the spreading of this Testimony not only to the disuse of
distilled Spirituous Liquors amongst us except as Medicine but that
Others also may by our example be encouraged to restrain its use within
the Limits of truth we recommend to all Friends every where
carefully to look at the motives of being concerned therewith not
only using but Distilling Importing trading in or handing over
to others who from habit may have acquired a thirst and
inclination after it tending to their hurt we tenderly advise
all such as are Concerned therein to center down to ^{the} principle
leading to universal righteousness and we apprehend a continu-
-ance in such practices will in this day of Light weaken the
hands not only of those individuals concerned to further the refor-
-mation but tend greatly to obstruct society from holding up a
Standard to this Important Testimony as becometh our holy profes-
-sion. We intreat therefore those who have begun well and made
advances in the way towards their own peace that as soon as may be
they forbear the said practice that a Line may in due time be drawn
and the Standard raised & spread to the Nations
And as a concern has arose that we be preserved in a greatfully
sence of the Lords causing the Sword to be sheathed and
peace to be proclaimed among the Nations we desire Friends
to remember the apostles advice mind your calling Brethren

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and where any move in any business or calling Different from
what they have been brought up in or accustomed to that they
endeavour to find the Liberty of the Truth and the unity
of Friends before they engage therein and also recommend
to those concerned in Trade and business of every kind that
they have an Eye to the preservation of our Testimony in every
branch as thereby the Unity of the body may be preserved and
an enlargement of the peace of individuals witnessed.

14th of 6th mo 1784 Signed in behalf of the

Committee by Tho:^s Warfarc
Mary Mitchell

Which is excepted and the said advice recommended to the
attention and practical observance of Friends accordingly.

This Meeting not having received accounts of the progress
of the several Quarterly Meetings in respect to an Equitable
Settlement with those heretofore held in Slavery it is therefore
desired that the accounts be sent up next year in the mean time
Friends are desired to Continue their Care in that respect and
where any Friends refuse to comply with the advice of the
Quarterly Meetings committee they report such case or cases
to the Monthly Meeting the person so refusing belongs to and
the several Monthly Meetings are advised to deal tenderly
with such Friends and Labour to convince them it is their duty
to Comply with the advice of making an equitable Settlement
and in case of their persisting in their refusal to comply with
the advice of the Monthly Meeting also that they after such
tender care and labour deal with them as disorderly walkers

Extracted by the direction of the Meeting
aforesaid by Caleb Green y^r sec^y Clark
to the Meeting this year

Our Friend Ebenezer Pope having Suffered the loss of his
house in the late Fire in Boston. The Several Monthly
Meetings within the verge of this Meeting are requested in their
freedom to enter speedily into a benevolent Subscription for the
relief of our suffering Brother and forward such Subscriptions
as soon as possible to him in order that he may be qualified
to provide another Habitation the present season—

Extracted

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Friends
held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 8th of 6th mo
to 13th Inclusive 1787 William Amy Clark this Year

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth the 9th and 10 of
the 10 mo 1783. To the Several Monthly Meetings hereto
belonging Dear Friends.
We have Received Accounts with answers to the Queries from all
the Monthly Meetings by which it appears that there are some
in Each Monthly Meeting who are Concerned to keep up the
Discipline in the Several branches thereof tho' sorrowful it is to
observe the Deficiencies ^{that} there are in Society particularly that Indecent
and Reproachful Conduct of Sleeping in Meetings yet remains and
Continues to be the Disorder of Some who are in membership with
us and as it hath been the frequent Concern of this Meeting to
Caution and warn those who are found in this Reproachful
practice we do again Recommend to such who are the Cause of
Such Complaint that they would Consider the Usefulness of the
Subject of meeting together to Worship him who is the dread
of Nations and if possible for such to be brought to a sense
of the great inconsistency of falling a sleep while met under
pretence of performing this great and indispensable duty
And as the advices which have been communicated from this
Meeting are often said to be well accepted we desire that
Friends might remember that the well accepting can only be
by duly observing what is communicated And Friends are
desired to pay timely attention to what ever is or may be
communicated from this or Superior Meetings And that
the particular matters recommended as rules of Conduct
by the Last Yearly Meeting may be practically adopted
throughout the Quarterly Meeting.

Signed in and on Behalf of our said Meeting
By George Comstock Clk

It is concluded that your Monthly Meeting be held on
the sixth day next after the last fifth day in each month
Untill next Quarter —

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From our Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich for
Rhode Island the 8th of the 4th Mo 1784
To the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging
Dear Friends. We have Received Accounts with answers to the
Queries from all the Monthly Meetings by which it appears
there are many Deficiencies Still Remaining and as there has
been frequent avices heretofore Communicated from time to time
both from this and Superior Meetings in order to stir up
and if possible to awaken your attention to more Circumspection
and care in these Respects. we think fit to Recommend the
Same to your serious attention. And that Friends Endeavour
more Generally to come up with faithfulness in their several
Allotments. And particularly Friends are desired to Extend
more care towards the Children of the Poor and such as appear
likely to need assistance. and to assist them in such business
as they are Capable of

The Representatives having Consulted
upon the sum to be raised by their Respective Meetings
It was Concluded that W^{bridge} make up the Sum of 5:10
This being the needfull We Conclude & remain
your Friends and Brethren Signed in & on behalf of
S^d Meeting by William Amy Clark

From Our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smith-
field for Rhode Island the 8th 9th & 10th Days of the 7th mo 1784—
To the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging.
Dear Friends Having been once more favoured to meet
together as large as usual with the company of several Friends
from Neighbouring Yearly Meetings in which we have also been
Favoured to conduct the affairs of society in a good degree of Love
and Harmony in which we salute you

We have Received Accounts
from Each Monthly Meeting with answers to the Queries by which
it appears there are many deficiencies yet remaining among you
tho there are some who are concerned to discharge themselves in these
duties whereby the Camp may be cleansed and our Israel witness
a going forward those so engaged whether Aged or youth we
desire may be encouraged to hold on their way still continuing

the Labours for the promotion and advancement of the Truth and those deficient in those Necessary duties who ~~who~~ are the cause of such complaint we ardently desire may be aroused from their places of ease and carnal security and shake of those things

We therefore recommend that you appoint Qualified and Exercised Friends to Labour with individuals as need shall require for the removal of every unbecoming practice as well as for the performance of each duty by which you may more Generally say that care is taken which we find is wanting

And among other things that matter of encouraging those who have been held as Slaves in a Religious and Virtuous Life in Examples as well as precept and that you send up to the Quarterly Meeting from time to time an account of your procedure in these things.

And Let us all Individually in these Labours Consider ourselves Left we also be tempted We herewith send Transcripts of the Extracts from our Yearly minutes also our last Yearly Meeting Epistle and those from London Philadelphia & Long Island and the advices therein recommend to your practical observance

The Representatives have apportioned the sum of Ten Pounds ten Shillings to be raised by your Monthly Meeting and sent up to this Meetings Treasurer and an account to this Meeting for the use of this & the Yearly Meeting

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting
by William Amy Clarke

From our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 7th & 8th Days of the 10th M^o 1784.
To the Several Monthly Meetings Hereto belonging
Dear Friends we have been favoured to meet at this time as Large as usual and have Received Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries and it thereby appearing that the long continued Deficiencies still Remain and that the necessary Care is much wanting therein. Therefore we Recommend to Each Monthly Meeting that they endeavour to Inspect into their own Situation and assist and stir up their Overseers and

and Visitors in the performance of their Services according to discipline duly observing y^r 13th Query that timely care may be taken

Signed in and by order of our 3^d Meeting

By William Almy Clark

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Swansea for
Rhode Island the 13th and 14th of the 1st mo 1785.

To the Several Monthly Meetings hereunto
belonging Dear Friends. The Living members of this meeting
Salute you in that love which is unfeigned Desiring your growth
and Wellfare in the way of Truth.

This Meeting being as large as usual at this Season of the
Year. Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings with
Answers to the Queries by which means we are informed of the
State of Society whereby we observe in each Meeting there are
Some who are Engaged to keep their Ranks in Righteousness
yet have it with Sorrow to remark the many Deficiencies that
Still remain among you Notwithstanding the many Repetited
advices heretofore Communicated in order if possible to
awaken your attention to more Circumspection and Care we
are concerned at this time to Revive in your minds the great
neglect of the due attendance of Meetings particularly on
week days which hath Impressed our minds with a Sorrowful
Sense of the great Slackness and Indifferency so prevalent
in the mind of such as are the cause of this Complaint
we Recommend therefore to each Monthly Meeting to make
inspection into the Conduct of their members herein and
treat with them tenderly in order to awaken them to a sense
of their Depravity and if they cannot be prevailed on
that then the Testimony of Truth may go forth against
them as Disorderly Walkers. The Several Monthly Meetings are
desired to contribute in freedom toward the building a Meeting House at
Bedford and also toward the building an addition ^{to} that in Providence
as agreed to at our last Quarterly Meeting and send up the money so
Contributed to our Quarterly Meetings Treasurer and an account
thereof to our next Quarters.

Signed in & on behalf of our 3^d Meeting. By William Almy Clark.

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From our Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield
for Rhode Island the 7th and 8 Days of the 7^{me} 1785
So the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging.
Dear Friends. We have Rec^d Accounts from all the Monthly
Meetings with Answers to the queries by which we are Informed
of many Deficiencies, but are sensible it will be to no purpose to
Recommend and Advise Amendment unless we Individually set
about the work, we have Rec^d Transcripts of valuable Epistles
from London Philadelphia and Long Island which we here
with send down, as also the Epistle of our last Yearly
Meeting the Contents whereof we Earnestly recommend to your
Consideration & observance. Boston Preparative Meeting is by
the yearly meeting added to this Quarterly & by this Meeting
Annexed to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting: Also a Sum ~~was~~
recommended to be raised for the Yearly Meetings stock of which
this Quarter Agreed to raise fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings
and Friends are desired to Subscribe thereto and send up to
the Yearly meetings Treasurer and an account to the next
Quarterly Meeting this being what appears needfull at
this time We Conclude your Friends and Brethren
Signed in and by order of said meeting by W^m Almy

P.S. Uxbridge Agreed by their representatives to raise one
Eleven pounds as their proportion of One Hundred pounds
Concluded to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Swanzy the 12th & 13th
Days of the 1st mo 1786
So the several Monthly Meetings
hereto belonging Dear Friends.
In a Measure of that antient Love that first Gathered
us to be a people we tenderly Salute you and hereby inform
that we Received Accounts with answers to the Queries
from all the Monthly Meetings and with Sorrow observe
the many Deficiencies therein Complained of whereby are
made sensible of the feeble state of Society amongst us and
the Necessity there is of an Earnest and Renewed Engagement
its amendment - in particular the want of Love and

and unity that Essential & Antiant mark of Disciple-
ship Like warmth or want of right Engagement for
the attendance of ~~all~~ our Religious meetings the Neglect
of Collecting our Children and Families from all worldly
Engagements and Reading the Scriptures at Suitable
Seasons which would tend to Strengthen the the authority
of Parents in the right way: and the Disorderly Proceeding
among the Youth in Company keeping in order for Marriage
have impress our minds with weight and as our Discipline
is now Digested is Express and Clear in those Cases we
Earnestly Recommend a Carefull and due observance of
it - and that you Do not admitt Such as have proceeded
Disorderly in Respect to marriage to pass the meetings without
Suitable Acknowledgements and Satisfaction -

And in all other Cases we Recommend a Close attention
to the Spirit of our Discipline with our eye single to the advan-
cement of the Cause of Truth as the most Likely means
through Divine Grace of being Enabled to give more Satisfac-
tory Accounts of the state of Society in future -

Ernestly Desiring that this may be in General our favoured
Situation we Conclude and Remain your friends and
Brethren. Signed in and on behalf of 3^d Meeting
By William Almy Clark

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield upper
Meeting house 13th & 14th Days of the 7th mo 1786.

To the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging -

Dear Friends we rec^d Accounts from all the Monthly
Meetings with Answers to the Queries by which it appears that
many Deficiencies & Short comings yet remains among us
but as we herewith send Transcripts of the Epistles from our
Last Yearly Meeting London Philadelphia & Long Island
we communicate no other Advice at this than that therein
contained. the observance of which we earnestly recommend -
This Meeting concludes to ^{raise} the Sum of £ 63: 3 - for the up-
of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings of which Uxbridge
agrees to raise £ 6: 18: 11 - which is directed to be sent

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to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer & an account thereof to next
Quarter. Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting
By William Almy Clark

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island
the 11th & 12th Days of the 10^m: 1787

To the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging--
Dear Friends We have Rec^d Accounts from all the
Monthly Meetings with Answers to the queries which
have been read & Considered in this Meeting

We do not see any Usefulness likely to arise from
mentioning the Deficiencies in general most of which have
been often noted. But we have to request your attention to
our ancient Testimony against war and the payment of
such Demands as may be or have been made in lieu of services
therein. or wholly for that purpose. That we may not in

a time of Ease let fall a Testimony raised by our ancestors
& supported since in more distressing times thro' much suffering

Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting
aforesaid. By Sylvester Wickes Clark

The Committee appointed to Consider of the matter from Uxbridge
Respecting the building a Meeting House at Leicester
Report in writing as followeth viz. To the Quarterly Meeting
of Friends next to be held at Dartmouth.

We your Committee appointed to consider of the matter brought from
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Respecting building a Meeting House at
Leicester having attended said Meeting at Leicester with a Committee
appointed from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting and a due Consideration
of the Circumstances attending that matter it is our sense
and Judgment that s^d Meeting Proceed to build a House of
Twenty six feet by thirty and fifteen feet posts the Cost of which being
computed to about one Hundred Pounds all which we submit to the
Quarterly Meeting

W^m Willbour

W^m Anthony Jun

Elisha Stur

Ananias Morry Jun

Augustus Capkara

Smithfield the 1th of 9th m^o: 1787

which

which is accepted and the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge are left at Liberty to proceed in that matter and also to raise the hith as that Monthly Meeting may judge most convenient

Extracted from the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth the 11th and 12th of 10th mo 1787

By Sylvester Wickes Clk

From our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swansea for Rhode Island the 10 & 11 days of the 1 month 1788

To the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging. Dear Friends we have duly received your several communications and deliberately considered them and are induced under a sense of duty to remind you that the prevalence of Langour and ~~defection~~ thereby apparently manifested hath been the Occasion of Exercise to this Meeting and believing that such is the Nature of Religious Society that it is justly chargeable with the offence of its members until it hath by fervent timely labour discharged its Duty toward them we therefore fervently exhort that you in the Spirit of meekness and wisdom Labour for a removal of those Offences which render your Communications in some instances so exercising. not contenting yourselves with barely exclaiming against them but let such manifestations of your attention be accompanied with the administration of fervent Society Labour remembering the Case of Achan who at the he transgressed in an individual Capacity yet his Offence was imputed to the Congregation of which he was a member until they had discharged their duty respecting him the Offender and in particular we would wish to excite your Attention to that reproachful and Ignominious habit of ~~Sleeping in~~ Religious Meetings ~~is~~ a Practice tending to lay waste the service of them & which cannot but be offensive to God and Good Men we also wish your attention may be turned to a rectification of the inexplicit manner in which some of your answers to the Queries are transmitted in order to which unless some Special matter intervene we Recommend that you attend to the business proposed to be sent to this meeting in the early part of your meeting preceding it

Signed in & on behalf of the above sd Meeting by

Sylvester Wickes Clark

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth having heretofore represented to this Meeting that the expence arising from the building of the Meeting House at Bedford amounted to $\$369.16.3\frac{1}{2}$ and that they had received & collected $\$307.10.3$ toward defraying the same & that there remained $\$62.6$ yet unpaid whereupon said Monthly meeting is desired to continue their endeavours to discharge the remaining sum and the several Monthly Meetings ^{likewise} are desired to contribute in their freedom towards making up the said deficiency and send up their Subscriptions to said Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and an account thereof to this Meeting at next Quarter: and the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this minute to each Monthly Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode-
-Island held ^{at Dartmouth} the 12th & 13th Days of the 10th mo 1786
By W^m. Almy Clk

This Meeting having taken into weighty consideration ^{the} Subject of making provision for holding the next Yearly Meeting also the state of the Treasures. it is our sense that it is not adviseable to make provision for Entertainment as of late Years. and the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island is desired to make such provision for pasturing of Horses as formerly. Never theless to lay an acc^t of the Expence thereof if they think proper before the next Yearly Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to each of the Monthly meetings in Rhode Island Quarter.

Copy of a minute of a Meeting for Sufferings held at providence the 13th of the 3rd mo 1786
Extracted By Thomas Arnold Clk

To Friends within the Verge of Oblong and Nineparner Quarterly Meetings in the Government of New York. Dear Friends. Our Friend Daniel Abbot Acquainting us that he had a prospect of paying you a Religious Visit and this Meeting approving thereof Inform. that he is a Minister in Unity with us and of an orderly Life and Conversation. We Recommend him to Divine Protection and your Brotherly care & Sympathy. desiring when his Visit is over he may Return to his Family in peace. Signed in and by order of the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge in New England held the 25th & 26th of the 6th mo 1784.
By Elipha Arnold Clerk
Rhoda Barrett Clerk

The within Certificate was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction, and we hereby Certify our concurrence and Unity therewith.
Signed in and by direction of our Quarterly meeting held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 8th & 9th days of the 7th m^o 1784
By William Almy Clerk
Mary Brown Clk

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Aldrich within named attended this Meeting. and his Company and service hath been truly acceptable.
Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting held at Purchase for Oblong and Purchase the 29th of 7 m^o 1784
James Mott Clerk

Our Beloved Friend Daniel Aldrich within Named attended this Meeting and his Company and service hath been acceptable.
Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly meeting held at Ninepartners the 12th of the 8th m^o 1784
John Hoag Clerk

Our Beloved Friend Daniel Aldrich attended this Meeting as he likewise hath attended nearly all the Meetings belonging to this Monthly Meeting whose Labours of Love amongst us hath been truly exceptable.
Signed in and by direction of our Monthly Meeting held at Oblong the 16th of the 8th m^o 1784
By Daniel Morrill Clerk
Sarah Howland Clerk

Our beloved Friend the within Named attended our Meeting whose Company and Labours of Love were to our Satisfaction.
Signed in and by Direction of our Creek Monthly Meeting held in Ninepartners the 20th of 8 m^o 1784.
By Charles Coleman Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18th and 19th
of 8th mo: 1784.

To the Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge

Dear Friends After our love to you we hereby Inform that
our Beloved friend Daniel Aldrich on a Religious visit attended
Each sitting of this Meeting with your Certificate of the 6th mo: last
his Labour of love was to our satisfaction Desiring that when his
Service is ~~now~~ accomplished he may ^{be} favoured to return to his family
and friends with the reward of peace and satisfaction of mind is
the sincere Desire of your friends & Brethren
Signed in and on behalf of our s^d Meeting by

Isaac Hallock Clerk

To Friends ~~within~~ in the Verge of Oblong and Ninepartner Quar-
terly Meeting in the Government of New York

Dear Friends.

Our Friend Job Scott acquainting us
he had a prospect of accompanying our friend Daniel
Aldrich in a Religious Visit to your parts. which this meeting
approving Inform that he is a Minister in Unity with us
and of an orderly Life and Conversation. We recommend him
to Divine Protection and your Brotherly Care and sympathy
Desiring when his Visit is over he may return to his family in
Peace Signed in and by order of the Monthly Meeting of
Uxbridge in New England held the 25th & 26th of the 6th mo
1784

by Elisha Arnold Clerk
Rehoda Barrett Clerk

The within Certificate was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction
and we hereby Certify our concurrence therewith.

Signed in and by direction of our Quarterly meeting held at Smith
field for Rhode Island the 8th & 9th days of the 7th month 1784

By William Almy Clerk
Mary Brown Clerk

Our Esteemed friend Job Scott within named attended this Meeting
wherein his Company hath been truly acceptable

Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting held at Purchase
for Oblong and Purchase the 29th of 7th mo 1784

by James Mott Clerk

Our Beloved friend Job Scott attended this Meeting and his Company was truly acceptable. Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 12th of 8th mo 1784 John Hoag Clerk

Our well esteemed Friend Job Scott attended this Meeting as he like wise hath attended nearly all the Meetings belonging to this Monthly Meeting whose Labours of Love amongst us hath been truly acceptable to us. Signed in & by Direction of our Monthly Meeting held at Olong the 16th of 8th mo 1784 by Daniel Merritt Clerk Sarah Howland Clerk

Our Beloved friend above Named attended our Meeting whose company & Labours of love were to our Satisfaction Signed in and by Direction of our Creek Monthly Meeting held in Ninepartners the 20th of 8th mo 1784 By Charles Coleman Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at the Ninepartners the 18th and 19th of 8th mo 1784

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Uxbridge
Dear friends. after a Salutation of Love we hereby Inform that our Beloved friend Job Scott on a Religious Visit attended each sitting of this Meeting with your Certificate of 6th mo Last Whose Labour of Love was to our Satisfaction and when his Service is accomplished that he may be favoured to return to his friends with the reward of peace and Satisfaction of mind is the Sincere Desire of your friends and brethren. Signed in and on behalf of our S^d Meeting by Isaac Hallock Clk

To Friends within the verge of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
Dear friends Our Friend Daniel Cass acquainting us that he had a prospect of attending some of your Meetings as they come in course which this Meeting approving informs that he is a Minister in unity with us and of an orderly Life and Conversation. We recommend him to divine protection and your brotherly care and sympathy desiring when his service is over in your parts he may return to his family in peace.

Signed

Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge held
the 1st day of the 10th mo 1784

by Elifha Arnold Clerk
Rhoda Barrett Clerk

To Friends of Salem Quarterly Meeting. Dear Friends. With our Salutation of Love these lines may Certify you that our Friend Daniel Cass informed this Meeting that he had ^{had} it on his mind for some time to visit some Meetings in your Quarter. that he is a Minister in unity with us. and that we approve of his present concern: as such we recommend him to divine protection and your brotherly notice and Sympathy desiring that when his service in your parts is over he may return to his family and friends in peace.

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 5th of the 7th month for the 6th month 1785

By Elifha Arnold Clerk
Rhoda Barrett Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge. Dear Friends these are to inform that our Esteemed Friend Daniel Cass has attended the several Setings of this Meeting whose Labours of Love both in ministry & discipline has been acceptable to us with desires that he may return home with the Answer of Peace in his Bosom when this his visit is over we Conclude and remain your Friends and Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Halmouth by adjournments from 24th to 26th of 9th mo 1785

By Jeremiah Hacker Clerk
Anne Hacker Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. Friends. These are to inform you that I have felt some uneasiness on account of some parts of my conduct particularly in letting my Children go to an Ordination at which place & upon which & such like occasions there is usually too much of that kind of conduct & carryings on which is inconsistent with Truth & corrupting to youth: and further as it has been reported that I have lately laid a wager with another person I am free after assuring you that it is really a mistake & that I have not so done or thought of doing for many years. to acknowledge that there was a Circumstance whereof advantage was taken to the injury of the cause of truth and wherein I gave too great occasion though without any design of wagering or doing amiss and am sorry that it happened so as to give any

occasion I am also sorry for all my other deviations & short comings and desire that you my friends may pass it all by and continue me under your watchful care as a member among you & it is my desire that all our youth may avoid urging for their Parents Consent to go to unprofitable places lest they injure themselves draw their Parents aside & hurt the good cause of Truth

I rest your real friend

Uxbridge the 6th of the 10th mo 1783

Samuel Aldrich

To the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held at Uxbridge the 28th of the 1st mo 1785. Dear Friends. From some concern of mind I hereby inform you that I have gone contrary to truth and backed its testimony. for one of my sons being some time past taken by an Officer on account of a military rate & threatened with confinement thro' weakness I gave way & to procure my Sons dismissal told the Officer If he should take the fine out of my Estate I should not take the Law against him or to this purpose. and also after I had gone thus far I gave way still further & endeavoured to cover & hide my misconduct & when my friends made enquiry in regard to the manner of my Sons releasment I told them I had done nothing at all about it thinking to myself that as I had only spoken I might say I had not done anything tho' I was satisfied that what I had done in speaking to the Officer was the means of my sons dismissal moreover in my desire to hide my conduct I gave the Officer a hint to say nothing about it tho' on the enquiry of friends respecting my giving him such a hint I disallowed that I gave him a Charge to keep the matter private thinking what I had said did not amount to a real charge to keep it private but now believing strict honesty & truth in the inward parts ought to be kept to I do sincerely condemn all my said misconduct & desire you my friends to pass it by— mean while I am
your friend Samuel Fowler

Note. I also told the officer or some of my family to tell him which Creature to take

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge.

Friends.

I may inform you that being called upon to pay a Class Rate. & perceiving but very little difference between such a one and those which are almost wholly for War & not knowing there was any Rule of Discipline against paying either after much deliberate thinking & doubting what was right and best to do not feeling sufficient strength & Clearness to refuse desiring to do for the best I paid it. but had I known there was a Rule of Society against paying such Rates. I believe it would not only have been sufficient to have prevented me from paying it. but that it would also afforded relief to my mind in that anxious moment by determining a matter in which I was at a great loss & much exercised about. now Friends under these Circumstances I have unknowingly stepped over a Rule of Society & on being informed of such a Rule I find it gives me some uneasiness that I have tho' ignorantly transgressed it & believe it would now be more to my satisfaction had my mind so turned as not to have paid it altho' as to any law that I can find in my own mind I can yet scarce discover any considerable difference between such a rate & one almost clear for War. and having thus opened the Case to you I desire you to pass by my payment of said rate & look upon me still as a brother among you

Samuel Comstock

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. Dear Friends and Brethren. Whereas I Some time past run my self Largely into Debt and by unwisely & imprudently Conducting Affairs relating thereto as also some Disappointment whereby I fall short of paying my Just Debts altho' I had no thought of wronging any man yet believing my conduct has been such as to cause reproach to Society as also sorry & grief to my Brethren and much to the affliction of my own mind and being in a poor state of health fell into a Discouraged state of mind in which unhappy situation endeavourd to keep the state of my Circumstances unknown to my Creditors as also from my Friends and near Connections. all which missteps I am sorry for and condemn and being desirous to remain a member of Society Rest and Conclude your Brother.

Gloucester the 22nd Day of the 5th mo 1787

Amos Baker

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 1st day of the 8th Month 1783

Whereas there has been some scandalous Reports respecting George Crane who for some time past has been considered by us as a Member of our Society as that he was guilty of speaking Untruths and of committing the detestable sin of Theft and Friends having from time to time treated with him on the Subjects and he not clearing up his Character to our satisfaction altho we do not assert he is actually guilty of said Charges yet the matter looking so dark of his side and his conduct to Friends at the time of said Labour being very dissatisfactory and inconsistent with the nature of Church fellowship and that harmonious Unity without a Degree of which religious Society cannot exist telling Friends it was none of their business acknowledging at the same time that his Accusers had cause to believe part of said Reports. We therefore deny Unity with him as a member. desiring that if he has stole he may steal no more but that he may by forsaking that which is evil and cleaving to that which is good yet find Acceptance with him who is Judge of Quick and Dead

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting

by Job Scott Clerk at this time

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 1st of the 8th mo 1783. Whereas Israel Aldrich Son of

Daniel who hath been Considered a member of our Religious Society for want adhering to the language of truth in his own mind and his disregarding the wholesome advices and admonitions from time to time Communicated to him by his Father he has gone into several things not becoming one of our Society particularly gaming at Cards & associating himself with those Called the mob. For which evil Practices he hath been laboured with by his friends to bring him to a Sense of the evil of his ways with out the desired effect wherefore we hereby publicly declare that he is put from under our Care as a member until he shall come to a right sense of his ways and be able to make satisfaction to his Friends.

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting. By Job Scott Clerk for this time

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 31 Day of the 10 month 1783— Whereas George Buffum hath by Birth had a rite of membership in our Religious Society but for want of duly Regarding that Divine principal of Light and Grace in his own mind that would have led him into the brightness of Religion he hath Chosen the ways of youthful Vanity in Contracting and Consummating Marriage with one not of our Society contrary to the advice of his Parents and hath much Neglected to attend our religious Meetings for which we have waited Long and Labourd much for his return: we have Denyed his being any longer a Member among us untill he Shall make Satisfaction for his offence by a Repentance and amendment of life which we Desire may be his happy Case— Signed in and by order of our said Meeting by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Uxbridge yth 28 Day of y^e 12 month 1783. Whereas William Lapham Son of Solomon of Gloucester had by birth a Right in our Religious Society but by giving way too the spirit of the world hath gone into many wrong things Particularly associating with vain and unprofitable Company, and his not keeping to plainness but Chusing the fashions of the World: and Neglecting the Attending of our Meeting and attending other Meetings and Friends having Labourd with him to bring him too A Right and sense of the Truth and his misconduct and he refusing their advice and appearing in an unprofitable state of mind too make Friends Satisfaction for his misconduct we have Denyed unity with him as a member and hereby Testify to the world the he is no longer a member of our Religious Society untill he by Repentance Shall make Satisfaction for his misconduct the which we Desire he may— Signed in and by order of Said Meeting by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge yth 26 of y^e 3 mo 1784. Whereas Noah White Son of Noah has been considered to have a right of membership in our Religious Society but not duly attending to the reproofs of Instruction which is the way to Life, and disregarding the advice & admonitions of his Friends has neglected to attend our Religious Meetings declines

Plainness of Speech & Apparel and frequents rude vicious
and Gaming Company and we haveing laboured with him
for his recovery without the desired effect have disowned ~~him~~ ^{unity}
with him and put him from under our care as a member until
he return & make satisfaction for his outgoings
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Uxbridge
y^e 28th of y^e 5th month 1784

Whereas Daniel Aldrich Son of Benjamin of Uxbridge
hath had a right in our Religious Society but through
inattention to the Divine Monitor he hath gone into many Wrong
and evil Practices Particularly he hath associated with vain
and unprofitable company and attended places of merriment and
Dancing used profane Language as Swearing &c Neglected
the plain Scripture Language and habit and the Diligent
attendance of our Religious Meetings for all misconduct of his he
hath been Laboured with by his Friends to Bring him too
aright sense of this evil of his ways but he appearing in a
Cool and indifferent state of mind and refusing the advice
of his Friends and appearing in an unsuitable state of mind to
make Satisfaction for his misconduct we therefore Deny unity with
him as a member and hereby Testify to the world that he is no
longer a member of our Religious Society untill he by Repentance
and amendment of life Shall be innabled to make Satisfaction
to his Friends which we desire he may; Signed in and on
behalf of our said Meeting by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 28th of y^e 5th mo
1784. Whereas Enoch Philips has had a right of membership
in our Religious Society but for want of being more diligently careful
in the days of his Childhood to reverence and obey the reproofs of
instruction or that which checks Children when they do wrong
but if regarded and obeyed leads in the way of Life and Peace
and has as he grows to riper years embraced the folly of the world much
neglected attending our Religious Meetings and has married a Wife
out of the order among us and he having ben laboured with for his
out goings without the desired effect we have disowned unity

with him and spate him from under our care as a member.
Signed in and by order of said Meeting
by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 26th of the 6th month 1784. Whereas Stephen Aldrich who has been a Member of our Religious Society has for several Years past been frequently rising up and uttering in our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline some times very unintelligible Sentences & even ridiculous expressions tending to promote Levity in unsteady minds but sorrow & heaviness in the truly bowed worshippers: and sometimes he has delt very freely in reflecting Language in a spirit verry unbecoming the profession of Christianity and this with an uncovered head under pretence of a sacred influence very much to the reproach of the truly Christians doctrine of Divine inspiration and of that holy influence wherewith the everlasting Shepherd is still favouring and furnishing his gospel messengers- And we having long waited upon him & many times laboured with & tenderly desired and advised him to refrain from such unbecoming behaviour: yet as he has hitherto flighted our advice treated us with unhandsome Language and obstinately persisted in his aforesaid misconduct very much to the dissatisfaction of the society & to the disturbance of the solemnity of our Religious Meetings: we have at length proceeded to disown him as a member: And hereby manifest that he is not a member of our Religious Society. Nevertheless we sincerely desire his wellfare every way: and especially that he may see his error and the injury he has done ^{the} cause and testimony of truth & by sincere repentance & amendment ~~return~~ to the Arms of the Church & the favour of him whose Name he has ventured so often & as we believe too lightly to Name. Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting
by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 26th & 27th of 10th mo 1784. Whereas Esack Buffum Son of Jedediah has had a right of Membership in our Religious Society but he having given way to the Enemy of all good in frequently attending places of Irreligious Company and there to his own Shame and to the reproach of Society has fallen into the heinous Sin of fighting using bad Language and Drunkenness: had also much neglected our religious Meetings.

plainness of Language and dress and he having been Labour'd with to shew him the Evil of his ways without the Desired Satisfaction. we publicly Testify that he is no longer a member among us untill he shall by a manifest Repentance and amendment of life make Satisfaction for his unchristian conduct which is the Desire of us his friends.

Signed in behalf of our above said Meeting

By Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Uxbridge y^e 1st Day of y^e 10th month 1784— Whereas William Wilcox Son of Sirah of Gloucester had a Wright in our Religious Society but by giving way to the Spirit of Error he hath gone into several wrong practices as that of keeping Company by way of Courtship with a young Woman not of our Society and Neglecting the Diligent attendance of our Religious Meetings. which misconduct of his he hath been Labour'd with by his Friends to bring him too a right and sense of what Truth Requires in such Cases but he persisting in his said Conduct and giving no encouragement for amendment we have Deny'd Unity with him as a member and hereby testify to the World that he is no longer a member of our Society untill he shall Return and make satisfaction to his Friends which we Desire he may—

Signed in and on behalf of the said Meeting

by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y^e 29th of the 10th month 1784— Whereas Samuel Gaskil of Richmond had by birth a right of membership in our Religious Society but through inattention to the Divine monitor he hath associated with vain and unprofitable Company & attended places of merriment and Dancing and much Neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings and hath Contracted and Consummated Marriage with one not of our Society for all which misconduct of his he hath been Labour'd with by his Friends to bring him to a right Sense of the Evil of his ways But he appearing in a Cool indifferant State of mind & Refusing the advice of

his Friends and appearing in an unsatisfactory State of mind to make satisfaction for his misconduct we therefore have Denied Unity with him as a Member and hereby Testify to the world that he is no longer a member of our Religious Society untill he by Repentance and amendment of life shall be enabled to make satisfaction to his Friends which we Desire he may
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by Elifha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 26th Day of the 11th Month 1784— Whereas Caleb Aldrich Son of Benjamin had a Right of Membership in our Religious Society yet through unwatchfulness and inattention to that light and manifestation which if attended to leads people out of error hath reported a scandalous story against one of his Friends which story upon examination appears groundless and he hath almost wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings and keeping to plainness for which misconduct of his he hath been long waited on and much Laboured with by his Friends in order to bring him to a right sense of the evil of his ways without having the desired effect he not appearing in a disposition of mind fiteable to make satisfaction for his said misconduct. We have Denied unity with him as a member and hereby publish to the world that he is no longer a member of our religious society until by Repentance and amendment of life he shall be enabled to make satisfaction to his friends— Signed in and on behalf of the said Meeting By Elifha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Uxbridge ye 25th Day of y^e 2nd month 1785— Whereas Samuel Aldrich Son of Samuel of Northbridge hath had a Right of membership in our Religious Society but through Inattention to the Spirit of truth in his own heart he hath gone into many wrong practices particularly in going to an Ordination and there vainly Wrestling with his fellows and using profane Language and going to a place where there was a frolick Dancing &c and joined with them therein also deviated from that Simplicity of plainness which we profess. for which Conduct of his he hath been Laboured much with and waited long upon by his Friends to bring him too a sense of the evil

of his ways but he Refusing their advice and appearing in an
 unrepentant state of mind to make Satisfaction for his misconduct
 we have Denied unity with him as a member untill he shall
 Return from the evil of his ways by Repentance and Amendment
 of Life which we Desire may be his happy Case—
 Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting

by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held in Uxbridge y²⁵th day of
 y²nd month 1785— Whereas Ezra Allen of Richmond
 hath had a right of membership in our Religious Society but
 for want of a Religious engagement hath so far neglected what
 we believe an incumbent duty on all Professors of Christianity
 that is the attendance of Meetings. As almost wholly to Neglect
 the attendance of ours for religious Worship & Discipline and
 endeavours to justify himself therein by using arguments against
 the Rules of our Society and we having Laboured with him to
 Convince him of the error of his ways and to stir him up to
 diligence in duty which ^{hath} not had its desired effect Wherefore we
 have Denied unity with him as a member and testify to the World
 that he is no longer a member of our Society untill he shall
 make satisfaction for his Neglect of Duty and be engaged for
 a Reformation in Life which we Desire he may—
 Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting

by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge 29th of y²nd
 month 1785— Whereas Daniel Alarick Son of Daniel has been
 a member of our Religious Society but he has fallen so far short of
 Living agreeable to our profession that he has Very much Neglected
 that incumbent Duty of attending Meetings and has also Contracted
 and Consummated Marriage out of the good order Established amongst
 us for which misconduct of his we have Laboured with him to shew him
 the evil of his ways but he appearing to be so Insensible of his state and
 Condition that we have put him from under our care as a Member untill
 he shall make satisfaction for his Transgressions which we Desire may
 be his happy Case. Signed by order of the above Meeting
 By Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge 29th of
 4th month 1785. Whereas Jedediah Buffum Son of Jedediah
 who by birth has had a Rite of membership in our Religious Society
 but for want of a faithful and sincere attention to that ~~small~~ still Voice
 that Speaks in the secret of the heart. he has gone into several wrong
 and reproachful things particularly has been Charged by a young
 Woman of being the Father of an Illegitimate Child which he does
 not Deny and also Neglects to attend our Religious Meetings he having
 been much laboured with for his recovery without the Desired satisfaction
 we have Denied unity with him and put him from under our care as
 a member and hereby publicly Testify that he is no Longer a
 Member among us yet we Desire he may Sincerely repent and return
 and make satisfaction for his Transgressions
 Signed by order of the above said Meeting. by Elisha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 26th of the
 8th month 1785. Robert Buffum having had by Birth a
 Rite of Membership in our Religious Society. has as he has arrived to
 years of understanding departed from the principles of our profession
 much neglecting the attendance of our Religious Meetings; frequently
 attending places of publick resort unnecessarily: joining at Taverns and
 places of recreation & merriment in drinking Spiritous Liquors unne-
 cessarily if not to excess & sporting away his precious time in dancing
 & such like diversions. to the grief of his Friends; who have labour-
 ed much & waited long with and upon him. in order for his reformation
 but ~~for he~~ has still persisted in his ways & in too much disregard for
 the wholesome advice of his Sorrowful Friends: we have proceeded to
 deny Unity with him as a member: Now the design of this testimo-
 ny is to publish his said denial to such as may have known him to
 have belonged among us as a people. & to clear the truth and Society
 from the reproach of his conduct: of which we desire his sincere
 repentance & that he may yet live the careful life & die the
 happy death of the righteous—
 of our said Meeting by
 Signed in and on behalf
 Elisha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 26th of 8th mo 1785— Levi Lapham Son of Jethro who
 has had a rite of Membership in our Religious Society but he
 being so regardless and little concerned about the everlasting well
 being of his Immortal Soul as not to attend Religious Meetings
 but Verry little and has associated with Vain irreligious Com-
 -pany and in this State of mind has Kept Company and Contr-
 -acted Marriage ingagements with a young Woman out of the
 good order Established amongst us in the wisdom of Truth for
 which misconduct of his we have Laboured with him to shew
 the Evil of his ways without the Desired Satisfaction we hereby
 Testify that we have Denied unity with him as a Member untill
 he shall Manifest a repentance by amendment of life which
 we Desire he may.— Signed in and by order of the above
 Said Meeting. By. Elisha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y^e 30th
 12th mo 1785.— Whereas Royal Farnom who hath been
 Considered a member of our Religious Society; for want of duly
 attending to the Voice of wisdom which if attended to leads out of
 Strife and contention to a calm quiet and peaceable habitation of
 which he hath so far fallen short that in the course of his
 dealings with one of his Friends he used unbecoming and defama-
 -tory language he also denied things when treated with which he
 had before owned in writing &c and altho Friends have Laboured
 with much concern and longwaited on him even from time
 to time with a desire of seeing his return. ~~By and altho Friends~~
 all which labour and waiting not having had the Desired effect
 he not withstanding all continuing to walk in the paths
 of vanity so that it became necessary to disown Unity with
 him as a member. Signed in and on behalf of said
 meeting by Elisha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 27th of the 1st Month 1786

Joshua Buffum who hath had right of Membership in our
Religious Society for want of giving up to the reproofs of Instruc-
tion which according to scripture Doctrine is the way to true peace
and life seems rather to Chuse the paths of vanity and a society
with those who walk therein. and is Charged by a young Woman of
being the father of an Illegitimate Child which case upon Exam-
ination appears most Likely that he is. And altho Friends have
taken much pains in labouring with him Cannot bring him to a
Clear sence of the gloomy state which he seems to be in and
for the Clearing of our Religious Testimony we have Disowned
him as a member of our Society with Desires for his Repentance
and Reconciliation to friends. Signed in and on behalf of
said Meeting By Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y^e 27th
Day of y^e 2nd mo 1786. Whereas Nathaniel Southwick
who by birth hath been considered to have a right of membership
in our Religious Society for want of duly attending to the
Language of the principal of Truth in his own mind and Disregard-
ing the good and holysom advice and council of his wellwishing
Friends He hath gone into Several things Reproachful to the
professors of Christianity in particular he hath almost wholly
Neglected to attend religious Meetings and associated himself with
Vain irreligious and evil company and there drunk to excess for
which things he hath been laboured with from time to time by his
Friends and long waited on for his return which Labour and wait-
ing hath not had the desired affect whereupon Friends have denied
unity with him as a member and hereby publish the same
Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y^e 30th of y^e
6th Month 1786 Whereas Jonathan & Moses Reed who by birth have
had a right of Membership in our religious Society in stead of Seeking
unto and following after the true leader of Israel who leads in the way
of self denial they have Choose the Broad paths of vanity they have
almost wholly neglected the attendance of religious Meetings neglected

Neglected to practice that Simplicity of Language and habit which truth leads into. Gone into Wanton and Idle company as at Trainings &c and Friends having laboured with them with desires for their good but not finding the desired Satisfaction nor any Encouragement to induce them to wait longer on them wherefore these are to certify that they are Put from under our care as members yet we wish their return—
Signed in and by order of the above said Monthly Meeting
by James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Uxbridge
y^e 29th of y^e 9th month 1786
Whereas Mijamin Hoft hath had a right of Membership in our Religious Society but through inattention to the Divine Monitor he hath given way at several times to wrong practices at one time falling into Company at one of his Neighbours and there Talked in an unbecoming manner and in about six Months after the Decease of of his Wife he let out his Affections after A young woman and used ungarded Language to the Dishonour of Truth. as also the use of Spirituous Liquors unnecessarily all which misconduct of his he hath been Labourd much with by his Friends to bring him to A sight and sence of the evil of his ways but he Disregarding their advice. we have Disowned him as a Member nevertheless we Desire that he may be Enabled to return and make Satisfaction to his Friends for his misconduct—
Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting
by James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the
1st of y^e 9th mo 1786— Whereas David Farnum Jun^r has been considered to have a right of Membership in our religious Society but not Carefully attending to the Dictates of Truth in the heart and too much giving way to the Spirit of worldly mindedness has grown into an indifferent state of mind as to Religion and unsteady in attending our Religious Meetings. and by imprudent engagements has been deficient in performing his Promises & paying his just Debts. and we having laboured much and waited long for his Restoration from these things without the

Desired effect. have Disowned him as a member untill he return and
and make Satisfaction for his outgoings—
Signed in & by order of said Meeting By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y²⁹th
y⁹th mo 1786— Whereas David Bennet Son of John has
been considered to have a right of Membership in our religious Society
but not duly attending to the reproofs of Instruction which is the
way of Life. has strayed from the right way in divers things as in not
steadily attending our religious Meetings, associated with unprofitable
Company and Playes, Cards and has been keeping Company in a dis-
orderly manner with such as are not of our Society & declining plainness
and we having Laboured with him for his return without the Desired
effect. have disowned him as a Member untill he return and make
Satisfaction for his missteps— Signed in & by order of
said Meeting By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y⁵th
y¹²th month 1786— Whereas Jesse Lapham Son of Jethro
had a right in our Religious Society as a Member but through
inattention to the spirit of Truth in his own Breast hath given
way to Associate with rude and unprofitable Company and
wrestling with his fellows and married a wife out of our Society and
too near of kind and verry much neglects to attend our Religious
Meetings for which Transgressions he hath been Laboured with
by his Friends. to bring him to a sight and sense of the evil
of his ways but he neglected to take their advice We have Disown-
ed him as a Member untill he shall be Enabled to Return
and make Satisfaction to his Friends which we Desire he may
Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting—
By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y²⁷th
y⁴th month 1787— Whereas Seth Jenne hath had a right in
our Religious Society as a Member but through inattention to the
Divine Monitor he hath given way to a cool indifferent state of mind
so as to flite and disregard the advice of his Friends & acting contrary
thereto and Neglecting the Diligent attendance of our Religious
meetings

Meetings and endeavouring to justify himself therein after Friends
 Labouring much with him to bring him to a Sight and sense of
 his condition and waited Long upon him for his return, without
 the Desired affect This Meeting hath Disowned him as a Member
 and hereby Publish the Same Though we Desire he may find
 a place of Repentance and make satisfaction for his misconduct
 Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting
 by James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 the 29th of the 5th mo 1784

George Farnum having had a right of membership in
 our religious Society but not walking so circumspectly as truth
 requires has given occasion for friends to labour to bring him
 to a sense of his deviations in several respects as attending
 a Meeting or Lecture so called not of our Society and there
 joining with an hireling Priest in time of prayer contrary to
 the constant and united testimony of our Society ever since we
 have been a People against an hireling Ministry. —
 Providing and handing out Spiritous liquors too freely is another
 deviation: as also his using the customary complements of an
 unstable world as raising the hat Mister &c. but his man-
 ner of treating his friends when laboring with him his denying
 such charges as we have sufficient reason to believe were well
 grounded against him his declaring his choice to be disowned &
 some other parts of his conduct have abundantly tho' sorrowfully
 convinced us that he is departed at heart from that inward
 sense of divine good: and from those desires of adherence to the
 holy influence on the soul which some of us are fully satisf-
 -fied were once more predominant in him than at present, and
 having labored till we are discouraged. These lines testify that
 he is put from under our care as a member nevertheless his refor-
 -mation & return is our sincere desire: may the god of all grace
 & compation touch his heart with a lively sense of his present
 situation and bring him home to the fold of everlasting rest
 Signed in and on behalf of our
 said Meeting by James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 1 day of the 1 month 1787. Abraham Allen Who hath had a right of Membership in our religious Society but by not taking heed to the light within which if he had would have been his preserver from the Temptations that youths are too often Infatuated in it hath been reported and appeared evident that he hath Conducted in an idle unbecoming manner. and he hath been labored with and waited on and he appears in a stiff hardened Disposition of mind and refused at last to treat with Friends on the matter that he was complained of This Meeting hath put him from under our care and disowned unity with him as a Member untill he through Repentance and amendment of Life make futable satisfaction— Signed in and by order of the above said Monthly Meeting by James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y^e 26th of 10th mo 1787 Whereas Stephen Buffum hath been a Member of our Society but for want of attending to the dictates of truth in his own mind hath fallen short in several respects of the Principals professed by us Particularly hath much neglected the attendance of our religious meetings doth not keep to the plain Scripture Language hath also Contracted Marriage out of the good order of Friends for all which he hath been labored with by his Friends to make Satisfaction for his out goings but he remaining to give little or no encouragement of his return. we have Disowned unity with him as a member untill by Repentance and amendment of Life shall make Satisfaction for his outgoings. Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Richmond for South Kingstown the 5th of the 12 Month 1783 To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge. Dear Friends Whereas John Gorton of William removed from our monthly meeting about three or four years past and Desired of us a Certificate and after due Enquiry was made respecting him a Certificate was granted him to Smithfield Monthly Meeting dated 26th of the 6 month 1780. but being informed by a Letter from your Committee dated y^e 6th of the 10th Month 1783. that at that time he did not live

within the verge of said Smithfield Monthly Meeting but hath lately removed within the verge of your Monthly Meeting and Desired us to do what truth and our Christian Discipline directs therefore under those Circumstances. We do Certify that he was a Member of our Religious Society while among us and unless his Conduct since he he Left us appears Inconsistent with friends Discipline do Precommend him as such to your Christian care with desires for his preservation and growth in the truth

Signed in and by Direction of our said Monthly Meeting by Simeon Perry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting ^{of Friends} held at Uxbridge the 26th of the 12th Month 1783. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at East Hoofuch

Dear Friends. After our salutation of Love we inform that Jonathan Farnum a member of our Meeting has requested our Certificate to reside a few Months in your parts in order to teach a School there & be in the way of furthering a settlement at a place called the new City, to which place he also has requested a Certificate but we not seeing the way open to unite with his proposal of settling at said place do signify the same to you and that we have by our Committee tenderly given him our advice to the contrary: yet not withstanding as we consent to his teaching a School among you a few Months and have let him know that it is not in any wise our meaning hereby to further or approve of his further prospects. we hereby recommend him to your watchful Care and oversight desiring your sympathy & help may be extended to him in a brotherly manner under the exercise that our said advice may occasion in his mind he being a youth whose preservation we earnestly wish to promote believing that if he Can be favored to avoid any hard thinking on the occasion a time may come when he may rejoice in his present disappointment

In Love we rest your Friends & Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting

by Eliza Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 8th of the 4th month 1784. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge. Dear Friends the within named Jonathan Farnum attended this Meeting with the within Certificate to satisfaction and it appears that he is now returned to you therefore we return the Certificate with this endorsement—
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by John Upton Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 27th of the 2nd m^o 1784. To the Monthly Meeting of Providence. Dear Friends. After our Salutation of Love these may inform that George Farnum having resided sometime within the verge of your Monthly Meeting has requested our Certificate to you. We therefore Certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Meeting, and was while among us in some degree of an orderly life and Conversation a pretty diligent attender of Meetings, and for what appears clear of Marriage engagements. As such we recommend him to your watchfull Care and oversight, desiring his preservation and growth in the truth. And rest your Friends and Brethren—
Signed in and on behalf of
our said Meeting by Elipha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 27th of the 10th m^o 1784—To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge—Dear Friends—After our salutation of Love these may inform that George Farnum having resided sometime within the verge of our Monthly Meeting and produced the within Certificate, and having removed back has requested ours to you. We therefore certify on his behalf that his conduct and conversation was measurably orderly whilst here and upon inquiry dont find but that his outward affairs is settled to satisfaction also clear of Marriage engagements, as such we recommend him to your Care and oversight and rest your Friends and Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting
by Jonathan Arnold Clerk for the day

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Smithfield the 23rd of the 3rd mo 1784
 to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge. Dear Friends
 as Stephen Baker Son of John is removed from us to
 reside some time in your parts and has requested our
 Certificate; we inform you that he is a member of our Reli-
 gious Society; and do not find but that he has settled
 his outward affairs to satisfaction we recommend him to
 your Christian care— Signed in and on behalf
 of said meeting by David Monry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 24th of the
 6th Month 1784. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at
 Uxbridge. The Committee Report that they have met and
 Laboured with Laurance Southwick According to appoint-
 ment and that they find but little Incouragement of his Com-
 -pliance yet it seems well to this Meeting it be referred two
 Months under the care of the same Friends. And as Providence
 Monthly Meeting is Concerned in this matter and he living
 within the Limits of Uxbridge, and as the affair seems to be
 of a Critical nature, and this Meeting being desirous that
 Friends proceedings may be according to and Reputable to
 the truth, the Clerk is directed to Send a Copy of this minute
 to each of the other mentioned Monthly Meetings, we Desiring
 they may find freedom to Unite their assistance with us in
 over for the justly terminating this matter

Copy

David Monry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smith-
 field the 26th of the 8th Month 1784—

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge.
 Dear Friends— These may Certify that David Carl is
 Removed within the verge of your Monthly Meeting that
 he is a Member of our Society and a steady attender of Meet-
 -ings near home while Among us and on enquiry it appears his
 outward affairs are Settled to satisfaction and as such we
 Recommend him to your Brotherly Care—
 Signed on behalf of the Meeting by David Monry Clk

From Our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 28th of the 7th mo 1785. — To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge — Dear Friends. — Enos Mowry requested our Certificate to you in order for Marriage with Abigail Lapham. These are to Certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Monthly Meeting & upon inquiry appears clear of Marriage engagements amongst us & has produced consent of Parents to this Meeting. We conclude and remain your Friends —

Signed in & on behalf of the above said Meeting

by George Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Providence the 24th of the 8th Month 1785. — To the Monthly ^{meeting} of Friends at Uxbridge. — Dear Friends. — Whereby Inform that our Friend Asa Potter requested our Certificate on account of his Clearness from Marriage Engagements amongst us. And we hereby Certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Society and upon Enquiry do not find but he has Proceeded orderly and is Clear to join in Marriage with Eunice Aldrich Daughter of Joseph Aldrich a Member of your Meeting —

Signed in our said Meeting by Thomas Arnold Clerk at this time

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 1st Month 1786. — To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. — Dear Friends. —

Whereas Daniel Southwick who liveth with Thomas Holder as an Apprentice hath removed with his said Master within the verge of your Meeting, these may Certify that ^{he} hath a Right of Membership in our Society and as such we Recommend him to your Christian care and oversight. With our Salutation of Love we Conclude and remain your Friends and Brethren —

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting

by George Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held by adjournment
at Smithfield 2nd of 4th Month 1786

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Ezekiel Fowler having for some time past mostly resided
within the Limits of your Meeting. and we being informed that
he proposes soon to remove Sarah his Wife with Alse their
Daughter there also in order for Settlement; these are therefore
on their behalf to inform you that they are all Members of
our Society; and in good Degree as far as we have known of order-
ly Life and Conversation. and on Enquiry nothing appears but
that their affairs are settled reputably. thus we Recommend
them to your care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our Men's Meeting
By George ~~Chapman~~ Clerk
and the Womens Meeting. By Susanna Comstock Clerk

Whereas Uxbridge Monthly Meeting. Returned to this
a Certificate Recommending James Buffum to their
care with Reasons assigned by a Letter from that
Meeting whereupon Elisha Shornton Jonathan Monry
and Walter Allen are appointed to treat with James and
with friends of that Monthly Meeting and Endeavour
to Reconcile the Matter and Report at Next Monthly
Meeting. Extracted from Smithfield Monthly Meeting
Minutes held y^e 26th 10th Mo: 1786

By Walter Allen Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the
28th of the 12th Month 1786

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Respected Friends these are to inform you that James
Buffum having Requested Our Certificate to you for Mar-
riage with Abigail Farnum these are to Certify on his
behalf that he is a Member of Our Meeting has produced
Consent of Parents and appears clear of any other
Marriage engagement than the above.

We Conclude your Friends and Brethren Signed in & by
Order of our Monthly Meeting by Walter Allen Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of 12 Month 1786. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. Dear Friends. These Certify that Jacob Bartlett is A member of this Meeting and upon Inquiry we find nothing to hinder his proceeding in Marriage with Anna Cook a member of your meeting he having produced consent of Parents to this Meeting with our Salutation of Love we Conclude and Remain your Friends. Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting. By Walter Allen Clerk

To the Friends of the Monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck. Dear Friends. Moses Farnum having Requested our Certificate to you in order to keep a School several Months in your parts these are therefore to Certify on his Behalf that he is a Member of our Meeting as such we Recommend him to your Brotherly Care and oversight with Desires for his Growth in the Truth. Signed by order of the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge held the 29th of the 12th Month 1786 By James Smith Clerk

Where within named Moses Farnum has Mostly attended our Meetings and we know not but he has Conducted in a good Degree Orderly whilst amongst us. These from your Friends and Brethren at a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck the 6th of the 3rd Month 1787 Signed by order of the Meeting By Isaac Upton

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 9th mo 1787. To the Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge. These are to inform that David Green a Member of our Meeting hath Requested a few Lines from our to your Meeting Certifying his Clearness in the respect to Marriage Engagements among us. And we having made Inquiry in that behalf nothing appearing but that he is Clear to proceed to Marriage with Lucy Southwick of your Meeting he

he having produced Consent according to Discipline
of Relations and Guardians

Signed in and on Behalf our said
Meeting By George Comstock Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of men and Women
Friends held at Uxbridge the 28th of the 12th Mo 1787
To the Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends
at Saratoga. Dear Friends these are to inform you
that Elipha Southwick and Margaret his Wife informed
us they thought of Removing with their Family from us
and to Settle within the verge of your Meeting and Requested
our Certificate to you we have inspected their Circumstances
and do not find but they have Settled their affairs to
Satisfaction they are united in Removing and we think
Considering their Circumstances it is best for them to
Remove. They and their Children are Members of our Society
and of orderly Lives & their Childrens Names are: Weaty Daniel
and Cynthia and as such we Recommend them to your Chris-
tian Care and oversight with Desires for their Growth and
Prosperity in the Faith.

Signed in and by order of our mens and Womens Meetings
By James Smith Clerk
Lydia Wilbur Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 25th of the 4th Month 1788— To the Monthly Meeting
of Friends at Saratoga.— Dear Friends after our Salutation
of Love to you these are to inform; that Stephen Baker a mem-
ber of our Meeting informed us that he thought of removing
from us and to Settle within the Verge of your Meeting and
requested our Certificate to you we have inspected into his Cir-
cumstances. and think well of his Removing and do not find
but that he has Settled his affairs to satisfaction and appears
Clear of Marriage engagements he is of an orderly Life and Conver-
sation and a Diligent attender of our of our Meetings for
Worship and Discipline And we recommend him to your

Christian care and oversight with Desires for his Preservation
and Growth in the Truth

Signed in and by order of our above said Meeting

By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge the 27th of the 6th Month 1788

To Friends at the Monthly Meeting of Saratoga
Dear Friends. Our Friend Amos Baker having request-
ed our Certificate of removal to you for himself and
Family these are to Certify on their behalf that they
are Members of our Society and he has so far Settled
his affairs to satisfaction as to produce the approbation
of his Creditors for his removal. he and his Wife Rachel
are Diligent attenders of Meetings as such we recommend
them with their Children Thankful Amey and Rachel to
your Christian Care and oversight with Desires for their
preservation and growth in the Truth we Conclude and
Remain your Friends ^{Brethren} and Sisters

Signed by order of the above said Monthly Meeting

By James Smith Clerk

Lydia Wilbur Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Smithfield the 26th
of the 6th Month 1788. To the Monthly Meeting of

Friends at Uxbridge. Dear Friends David Green
having removed within the verge of your Meeting and
requested our Certificate these are to Certify on his behalf
that he is a Member of this Meeting and on Enquiry find
he has Settled his affairs to good satisfaction as such we
Recommend him to your Care

Signed in by order and on behalf
of this Meeting

By George Comstock Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends
held at Smithfield the 25th of the 3rd Mo 1784
to the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge. Dear Friends
with our Salutation of Love we hereby inform.

That Nicholas Battey and Thankfull his Wife Request
our Certificate as they are about to Settle within the verge of
your Monthly Meeting these may Certify on their behalf that
they are members of our Society and their lives in a good degree
orderly and we dont find but they have Settled their outward
affairs to satisfaction and as such we recommend them to
your watchfull care Desiring their Prosperity and growth
in the Truth. Signed in and by order of said Meeting

By

David Morry Clerk

Deborah Morry Clerk for the
day

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield the 29th of the 5th Month 1788
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Beloved Friends— Israel Chace with the Concurrence
of this Meeting hath removed within your Monthly Meet-
ing with his Wife Matilda and Child Amey. These are to
Certify on their Behalf that they are Members of our Society
and on Inquiry apprehend he has Settled his affairs to Satis-
faction we recommend them to your Christian care and
oversight and Conclude your Friends—

Signed in Mens Meeting by George Comstock Clerk

In Womens Meeting by Elizabeth Arnold Clerk

From Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 26th of the 9th Month 1788—

To the Monthly Meeting at Providence.

Dear friends. Our Friend Job Scott having Requested
Our Certificate of Removal for himself and family to you
these may Certify that he is a Member of our Meeting and
a Minister in good unity his Life and Conversation
Corresponding with his Profession and he has Settled

his affairs to Satisfaction his Wife Eunice is a Member of an
orderly Life and Conversation as Such we Recommend them
with their Children Oziel Lydia Sarah Mary and James to
Divine protection and your Christian care and oversight with
Desires for their preservation and Growth in the Truth
Conclude and remain your Friends Brethren and Sisters

Signed in and by order of our mens and Womens Meeting
By Richard Mowry Clerk
Lydia Wilbur Clerk

To Friends of Long Island Quarterly Meeting and
to Friends belonging to the yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania
Dear Friends

Our Esteemed Friend Job Scott having laid
before us a Concern which he has for some time felt to perform
a Religious Visit among you and we taking the same into
Solid Consideration do Concur with him therein And hereby
Certify on his behalf that he is a Minister in Unity with us
And his Life and Conversation well agreeing with his Profession
as Such we recommend him to your Brotherly care and Sympathy
desiring when his Service is over among you he may return to his
family and Friends with the reward of Peace

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Uxbridge in the Massachusetts Bay in New
England the 31st of the 3rd Month 1786

By James Smith Clerk for the day
Rhoda Barrett Clerk for the day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich
for Rhode Island the 13th and 14th of the 4th Month 1786

The withinmentioned Certificate in behalf of our Esteemed
Friend Job Scott being produced and Considered in this Meeting
we hereby Certify our Unity with him in his Concern and
approve of his proceeding upon the visit as therein mentioned

Signed in and by order of said Meeting

by William Mung Clerk
Mary Brown Clerk

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Westbury
on Long Island the 26th of the 1st Month 1787.

To the Monthly Meeting ^{of friends} at Uxbridge
in New England. Dear Friends

Our Esteemed Friend Job Scott having in the
Course of his Religious Visit. twice in attended this
Meeting and also Visited all the particular Meetings
belonging hereto these may Certify that his Company
and Labours amongst us both in the Ministry and Discip-
-ine have been truly acceptable and Satisfactory.

His Life and Conversation Corresponding therewith
With desires for his preservation and the Salutations
of Love we Conclude and are

Your Friends & Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting

by Geo. Bown Clark

From our General Spring Meeting of Ministers
and Elders for Pennsylvania New Jersey and the western
parts of Maryland and Virginia held in Philadelphia
by adjournments from the 24 to the 26th day of the third
Month 1787

To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge
in the Massachusetts and the Quarterly Meeting of
Rhode Island Dear friends

Our Friend Job Scott attended our annual
Meeting in the ninth Month last and before us the
Certificates of your Concurrence with his Religious
Engagements to Visit the Meetings of Friends in these
which would have been more acceptable had that from
the Monthly Meeting been Signed by friends generally
And being united to him in Christian Love & fellowship
we find our minds drawn to acquaint you that he propos-
-ed with general acceptance his Visit to our ~~part~~
Meetings in New Jersey and the greater part of those
in Pennsylvania in which mighty Service he was supported
by the renewings of Holy help through various Exercises
to the Edification of friends and we trust his own

Comfortable Improvement in the work of the Ministry
his Conversation and deportment being exemplary and
Instructive. With desires for his preservation
and advancement in Christian Experience by a faithful
Attention to the Counsel of Divine Wisdom in future
manifestations of duty for the Benefit of the Churches and
his own Peace. We remain Your Loving
Friends

Signed in and on behalf
of the said Meeting by

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| Thomas Redman | Evan Lewis | James Thornton |
| William Wilson | Samuel Lee | John Townsend |
| Elisha Kirk | John Chitt | Ezekiel Cowdill |
| Thomas Graye | Abraham Gibbons | James Pemberton |
| Robt Hartshorn | Josiah Shonting | Mary Annety |
| Barnard Saylor | Edward Jones | David Capper |
| Arthur Howell | Isaac Spotts | Joshua Morris |
| William Richardson | Jacob Lincley | John Gorman |
| Nicholas Waln | Henry Widdowfeld | George Churchman |
| Rebekah Chambers | Hugh Judge | William Harvey |
| Mary Dickinson | James Cresson | John Hopkins |
| Deborah Gest | William Blakey | Henry Drinker |
| Hannah Harlan | Nathan Wright | Thomas Lightfoot |
| Mary Haydock | John Congill | Samuel Smith |
| Elizabeth Drinker | Daniel Bassett | Daniel Byrnes |
| Agnes Shoemaker | Jacob Davis | David Evans |
| Fane Ridgway | Samuel Coape | David Bacon |
| Mary Annety Gledize | Eli Yarnall | Charles West |
| Sarah Hopkins | Joshua Sharples | James Moom |
| Sarah Cary | Daniel Drinker | Thomas Smith |
| Hannah Sanders | Wm. Dille | Samuel Hopkins |
| Grace Buchanan | John Elliott Junr. | John Parrish |
| Hannah Cuthrell | Isaac Jacobs | Samuel Emlen |
| Elinor Halkinson | Joseph Updegraff | Joseph West |
| | Benjamin Linton | Israel Jacobs |
| | James Jackson | Warner Misslen |
| | Peter Yarnall | |
| | John Jones | |

Abigail Dure	Sarah Smith
Mary Sturgeson	Rachel Watson
Mary Husbanc	Sarah Blakey
Hannah Reeve	Philena Lay
Hannah White	Hannah Kirkbride
Hannah Churchman	Sheby Millar
Margaret Jones	Margaret Elliott
Hannah West	Lillah Thomas
Margaret Haines	Sarah Thatcher
Sarah Harison	Unice Starr
Mary England	Sarah Dickinson
Ann Hallonell by dist.	Margaret Cook by Request

From our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 12 and 13 Days of the 7^m 1787. To the several Monthly Meetings hereto Belonging Dear friends

We Received accounts with Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings And herewith send you the Epistle of our Last Yearly Meeting with transcripts of the London Philadelphia and Long Island Epistles and Desire your Practical observance of the Seasonable advice Contained in them that there may be an amendment in those Deficiencies that so affectingly appear by your Communications—Salem Quarterly Meeting having proposed to the Yearly meeting that their Meeting held at Seabrook formerly Hamton be held the 7th Day before the 4th first day in the first month and that at Dover the 7th Day before the 4th first day in the 10th month which being agreed to by said meeting said alterations you are Desired to Insert in your Respective Books of Discipline under the Head of Quarterly Meetings agreeable to the Desire of the Yearly Meeting—

This Meeting Concludes to raise the Sum of £50 for the use of this and the yearly Meetings of which your Representatives have agreed for your Meeting to raise the Sum of £6 1—Signed by order and on behalf of said Meeting By Sylvester Wickes Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 30th of the 5th Month 1788. Whereas Samuel Knowles who by Birth hath had a right of membership in our Society not keeping to the good and wholesome Rules Established amongst us in the wisdom of truth. In keeping Company with one not of our Society for which misconduct we have Laboured much with him to convince him of the Error of his ways but he wholly disregarding said advice and hath since proceeded to marriage for all which we have denied unity with him as a member untill he may be favoured to return and make Satisfaction for his out goings which we desire he may

Signed on behalf of the above said meeting By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 27th of the 6th Month 1788

Whereas Garner and Liman Marich have had a right of membership in our Society but have gone far and wide from the good and hol some Rules Established amongst us in many respects. Particularly in not duly attending Meetings and not keeping to Plainness of Speech Behaviour and Apparel and have Attended a place of Frolicking and Dancing and join therein. And we have Laboured with them for their good without Success they still Choosing the paths of vanity.

These therefore are to Certify that we have Disowned unity with them as members. But still Desire they may forsake the evil of their ways and become travellers in the path of the just

Signed in and by order of our above said Meeting

By James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 27th of the 6th Month 1788

Whereas Mordcai Cops has had a Right of Membership in our Religious Society but not duly attending to Spirit which is the Support of the Righteous and the upholder of Society in the right line has much neglected attending our Religious Meetings falls greatly short as to a marval life conduct and Conversation too much frequenting unprofitable Company having attended a husking where he conducted in an idle unbecoming manner

and we having laboured with him for his reformation without gaining a prospect of his amendment have found ourselves under a necessity to Disown & put him from under our as a Member until he by Sincere Repentance return and make Satisfaction for his outgoings

Signed in and by order of said Meeting by James Smith Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 29th of the 8th Month 1788

Amos Atterrich who hath had a right of membership in our Religious Society being Disobedient to the Spirit of Truth in his own heart has Deviated from the Principles we profess in several Respects (viz) in Keeping Company by way of Courtship out of the good order Established amongst us and Neglects the Diligent attendance of our Religious Meetings and doth not keep to plainness for which Deviations of his he hath been Laboured with by us his Friends but he Disregarding our advice as well as his fathers admonitions who joined in Labour with us we have Disowned him as a member of our Society till he manifest a Repentance by amendment of life and make Satisfaction for his misconduct which we desire he may

Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting

By Richard Morry Clerk for the

From our Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge the 26th of the 9th Month 1788 - Asa Southwick who has been a member of our Society not having a due sense of the fear of God before his Eyes has more than once given way to actions reproachfull not only to the Christian Name but even to humanity the particulars whereof we for modesty sake forbear to mention; it also appears that some other parts of his Conduct has bordered very close upon theft if not quite to amount to it and soon after his above said Shameful Conduct he went off a considerable distance from the place of his then residence Now in order to Clear the truth from the scandal of his said behaviour and to bear our Christian testimony again - It is therefore to inform whome it may concern that we have Disowned Unity with him as a member nevertheless Desiring he may be favoured with a true sense of his Condition and

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through unfeigned repentance and amendment of of Life make satisfaction to his friend

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting
By Richard Morry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 28th of the 11th Month 1788. Whereas John harknus hath had a right of membership in our society but hath so far Diviated from the rules of our society that he hath Married Contrary to the order of friends and hath been guilty of incontinency before Marriage and too much Neglected the attendance of our Meetings for all which he hath been Laboured with to bring him to a Sens of his misconduct but the Labour hath been bestowed without the Desired effect for which misconduct we put him from under our care untill he shall make satisfaction. Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting by Richard Morry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 3rd day of the 5th Month 1789

Whereas David and Silas Comstock sons of Samuel having had a right of membership in our Religious Society but as they have grown in years they have conducted in an unchristian and unbecoming manner in divers respects particularly in Througning things into a well opening fences fastening the Door of a dwelling house all which was done all in the sign of frequenting Husbands and the like Keeping Company with young women out of the good order Established amongst us And using profane Language for which Misconduct we have Laboured with them in order to shew them the Evil thereof without the Desired effect Now these may testify that we have Disowned them as members of our Society and put them from under our care untill they shall Manifest a Repentance by a reformation in their lives and Conversation.

Signed by order of the above said Meeting
By Richard Morry Clerk

To Friends of Pennsylvania and the other Southern States
Where these may come Dear Friend

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Aldrich having given
a Concern in this Meeting which he has on his mind to
accompany Our Friend Job Scott on a Religious Visit
to Friends in your parts These are therefore to Certify on
on his behalf that he is a Member and Minister in good
esteem with us his Life and Conversation in good measure
Corresponding with his profession and we freely unite
with him in his Concern do recommend him to Divine
protection and your Christian care and oversight Desiring
when his Service is accomplished he may return to his
Family and Friends with the Steward of peace

Signed in Friends Monthly Meeting held at
Uxbridge in New England the 27th of the 2nd Month
1789

By

Sarah	Arnold
Hannah	Fowler
Mary	Bennet
Uncle	Potter
Lydia	Wilbur
Ruth	Martin
Ruth	Grannum
Cloe	Southwick
Elizabeth	Pharum
Esther	Southwick
Lydia	Aldrich
Rachel	Aldrich
Mary	Earl

William	Bassett
Antipas	Earl
Benjamin	Balley
James	Smith
Elisha	Arnold
Nathaniel	Aldrich
Royal	Southwick
Thomas	Watson
Asa	Smith
Marmaduke	Earle
Obediah	Wheeler Junr
Israel	Chase
Joseph	Southwick
Benedict	Arnold
Israel	Sabeens
Richard	Mowry
Seth	Aldrich
Nehemiah	Aldrich
Jacob	Aldrich
Peter	Aldrich
John	Walker
Nicholas	Balley
Asa	Potter
Joshua	Aldrich

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Richmond the 10th of the 4th Month 1789

To the Monthly Meeting next to be held at Uxbridge

Dear Friends Whereas I have had a right of Membership
among you but not diligently attending to the manifestation
of the Spirit of truth in my own mind have been by the
Spirit of Error drawn into divers unchristian Liberties and
too much neglected my duty not keeping to plainness nor
steadily to Religious Meetings but have frequented unpro-
fitable Company and associated with them in their merriments
and false delights nor has I been so well guarded at all
times as to avoid Anger and profane Language and have
also consummated marriage in a manner contrary to the good
order establish among Friends. And having seen the evil
of these things and had many sorrowful hours in conseque-
nce thereof do now feel a Concern to live a sober religious
life hoping to preserve therein and that Friends will
excuse by my Misconduct and continue me under their care

Warney Gaskill

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge the 29th of the 5th Month 1789

Whereas Augustus Wilcox Son of Jerey of Gloucester
hath had a Right of Membership in our Religious
Society but he has fallen so far short of living agreeable to our
profession that he has very much neglected the attendance
of our Religious Meetings has also fallen into differ-
ence with one of his relations which arising to blows for which
misconduct of his we have laboured with him to show him the
evil of his way but he appearing to be so insensible of
his state and Condition as not to endeavour to make satisfaction
for the same. Whereupon we have disowned him
with him and put him from under our care as a Member
until he shall make satisfaction for his Transgressions
Which we desire may be his happy Case

Signed in and by order of the above said Meeting

By Richard Henry Park

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Swansea the 1st of the 6th Mo: 1789 to the Monthly
 Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge Dear Friends
 These May inform that J. Griffith (huge) hath be-
 come within the verge of your Meeting and hath had
 a few lines from this setting forth his standing and
 now J. Griffith being returned to us again with your indor-
 ment these May inform that there are still some
 temporal concerns remaining unsettled he being
 to be a member of this Meeting and as such we
 recommended him unto your watchful care with
 hopes that these temporal concerns may be settled
 as soon as may be signed in aid on behalf of the
 Meeting By Daniel Brayton Clerk

At the Preparative Meeting of Swansea Informa-
 tion Robert Wade hath placed his Son Robert as an
 apprentice within the verge of Uxbridge Monthly Meet-
 ing & requests a few lines shewing his right of Member-
 ship these may therefore certify that he hath a birthright
 among Friends and desire your care of him during his
 Apprenticeship and the Clerk is directed to send a copy
 of this entry to said Uxbridge Monthly Meeting
 Taken from the minutes of a Monthly Meeting
 of Friends held at Swansea the 1st day of the 6th Mo:
 1789 By Daniel Brayton Clerk

At the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 Dear Friends: Our Friends Nathaniel & others
 having become within the verge of your Monthly Meeting
 and upon that our Certificate these may certify on his
 behalf that he is a member of our Society and hath
 settled his outward affairs for aught that appears
 upon enquiring his Life and Conversation in a good
 degree orderly as such we recommend him to
 your Christian Care and oversight Desiring his
 growth and establishment in the truth
 signed on behalf of our Monthly Meeting
 at Providence the 1st of the 6th Mo: 1789

To Friends belonging to the Yearly Meeting for the
 Government of New York
 Dear Friends. Our Friend Daniel Capps informed
 this Meeting that he has for some time felt a concern
 to make a religious Visit among you there are therefore
 to certify on his behalf that he is an approved Minis-
 ter among us and this Meeting approving of his propos-
 -ing said Visit as truth may open his way to recom-
 mend him to Divine guidance and your brotherly sympathy
 and regard desiring that when his Visit is ended he may
 return to his family and friends in peace.
 Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting of
 Friends held at Roxbridge in New England the 30th
 of the 6th Month 1786

By James Smith Clerk
 Rhoda Barrett Clerk

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth for
 Rhode Island the 12th and 13th days of the 10th mo 1786
 the within Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend
 Daniel Capps was laid before this Meeting & after Consider-
 ration thereon feeling a nearness and sympathy with him
 in his concern do concur therewith recommending him to
 the protection of Divine Wisdom & your brotherly regard
 Desiring when his Service is ended he may return to his
 Family and Friends with the Blessing of you.

If consistent with the Divine Will
 Signed in and on behalf of sd Meeting William Thompson
 Miss Mary Brown Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Roxbridge
 Dear Friends: Our Friend Daniel Capps attended this
 Meeting with your Certificate bearing Date 30 of 6th mo 1786
 Wherein his Company and Service hath been acceptable.
 Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held
 at East Hoofuck 12th of 7th mo 1787

By John Hylton Clerk

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To the Monthly Meeting at Haverbridge in New England
Dear Friends. Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Cass
attended this Meeting with your Certificate bearing
date 30th of 6th Month 1786 whose Company and service
hath been truly acceptable
Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held
at Colong in New York 13th of 8th mo 1787
By Jesse Lane Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Haverbridge
in New England. Dear Friends
Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Cass attended this Meeting
and the Meetings within this Quarterly Meeting and
Produced your Certificate dated 30th of 6th mo 1786
Which with his Company and Labors of Love have been
to our Comfort and Satisfaction with Desires for his
safe Return to his family and Friends when his ser-
vice is over in our parts. we conclude with a saluta-
-on of Love and are your Friends and Brethren
Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting
held at Vineyardwards this 16th & 17th of 8th mo 1787
By John Hoag Clerk

From our Quaker Monthly Meeting in Vineyardwards
this 21st of 7th mo 1787— To Friends at their Monthly Meet-
ing at Haverbridge in New England
Dear Friends— Our beloved Friend Daniel Cass having
attended our Monthly Meeting last and also the several
particular Meetings there unto belonging whose Company
and Labors amongst us hath been to our Satisfaction and
comfort affording encouragement to the most hearty
this with the salutation of Love we remain your Friends
and Brethren
Signed in and on behalf of our 1st meeting
Siddeman Hull Junr. Clerk

From Hamton Monthly Meeting held at Seabrook the
21st of the 2nd Month 1788

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Dear Friends these are to inform that Samuel Brown is gone
from us and is serving in the manner of an apprentice within
the Compass of your Monthly Meeting Having requested a
few Lines to signify his membership with us these may
certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Meeting
and as such we do commend him to your Christian care
and oversight Signed in and on behalf of the abovesaid
Monthly Meeting By Moses Howell Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 27th day of the 6th month 1788
Samuel Aldrich who hath been a member of our
religious society hath very much neglected the attendance
of our meetings for Discipline and hath fallen into
many reproachful practices Contrary to our religious
principles as a people he conducted very unbecomingly
at a law meeting and among others insultingly ridiculed
a man who was chosen as a delegate to attend the state
Convention in which conduct he appeared very light and
unbecomingly and drank a health or something like it to the
man after being dismissed calling him the Vice Delegate
he hath also attached the property of several Friends for
rats and sold the same to be sold at vendue and at a
public place joined a Company who were diverting them-
selves at throwing the ball among whom the said
Samuel threw it him self he also scolded from the
plane Language considerably at times using in argu-
ings the Customary stile of Friday Januaries &c and ap-
pears to be very much engaged in parties and publick
affairs and even to have opposed a motion made by some
who were Desirous of Devising means of settling the
uneasiness in of opposition to Government by some other
method than by sending men under arms he hath also paid
a Cass rate or fine Desiring the man to whom he pays it
to secret the matter for which Conduct he hath been

Labourer with in order to bring him to right sight
and hence thereof without yielding the Desired satisfaction
or any prospect of amendment we have therefore Dis-
crowned him as a member of our society Not with stand-
ing we Desire he may be awakened to that obedience and
Duty which brings Peace on Earth and an assurance
of a good end Signed in and on behalf of said
Meeting By James Smith Clerk

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
of Friends held on Rhode Island by adjournments
from the 1st day of the 6th mo to 16th of the same inclu-
sive 1789- The Committee on general services
having considered the matter proposed by Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting reported it was their judgment
that it be recommended to them to reconsider that
matter and if they hereafter be of the mind that some
alteration should be necessary that they propose to
our next Yearly Meeting Such alteration as to them
may appear best which is approved by this meeting.
The Committee having also reported that it was their
judgment that Dartmouth and Accord Monthly
Meetings be set off and remain to Sandwich Quarter
& that Swansey Monthly Meeting remain to Rhode
Island Quarter this meeting approves thereof and
directs that the said Quarterly Meeting be held in
future at the place and at the times fixed upon for
last year. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting desired
to provide pasturing for Friends Horses for next
Yearly Meeting & present their account to our Treas-
urer who is directed to pay the same-
It is the advice of this Meeting that when Commit-
tees make verbal report to any of our Meetings that
they all stand up that are present at the time of
delivering the same thereby to manifest their assent
Copy examined William Roach junr Clerk

Whereas Turner Marick Son of Peter hath had by Birth a right of membership in our religious society but hath so far deviated from the reproof of instruction which is the way to life he hath fallen into many reproachful practices particularly in neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings associating with vain and unprofitable company and much neglected plainness both of speech and apparel and hath been in practice of using profane Language. Also been keeping company with one not of our society and of late hath gone off and left her as she was in a state of Pregnancy for some of which misconduct he hath been much labored with to bring him to a sense of his transgressions without the desired effect we have therefore disowned him as a member and expelled him from under our care untill by sincere repentance and amendment of life he makes satisfaction for his out going which we desire he may

From our monthly meeting held at Uxbridge the 2^d of 1st mo 1790
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting

By Richard Henry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 1st of the 1st mo 1790 Abraham Phillips having had a right of membership in our Society but not having been duly attentive and obedient to the grace and Manifestation of the spirit given to every man to profit with all has become so cool and indifferant as to religion as almost wholly to forsake assembling for religious worship and we having from time to time laboured with him to bring him to a sense of his Duty without the desired effect have Disowned him as a Member yet desiring that he may be favoured to see the things that belong to his Peace arise and shake himself from the dust of the Earth and with a sincere heart and humble conduct return and make Satisfaction.

Signed in and by order of said Meeting

By Richard Henry Clerk

Whereas Bya. Altrich Son of Peter Altrich hath had a right of membership in our society but for want of due attention to the dictates of truth in his own mind and the Council and advice of his friends he is gone far out from the good order established amongst us in many respects particularly in the non attendance of our religious Meetings much neglecting plainness both of speech and apparel frequently associating with vain and unprofitable Company and much in the use of profane language on which account he has won much labour with for his reformation without the desired effect we therefore disown him from being any longer a member of our Society untill he by Repentance and amendment of Life may be enabled to make satisfaction for his misconduct

Given forth at our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 30th of the 4th Month 1790

Signed By ————— Richard Mowry Clerk

Whereas Stephen Shaker of Boston Son of Benjamin hath had a right of membership in our religious society but he not regarding the manifestation of truth in his own mind has neglected the due attendance of our religious Meetings and also deviated from the plain Scripture language and kept very unprofitable Company and resorts to places of merriment and joins in their Dances and hath been active in making a Lottery and is in the practice of keeping Company with young Women not of our Society for which misconduct Friends has Laboured with him to shew him the Evil thereof and to reclaim him there from but all our Labours has proved ineffectual.

Therefore we deny unity with him as a member of our society untill by repentance and amendment of Life he makes Friends satisfaction which we desire he may.

Signed in behalf of our Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge the 30th of the 4th Month 1790

By Richard Mowry Clerk

From our Monthly ^{meeting} of Friends held at Providence
the 24th of the 3^d Month 1790. To the Monthly Meeting
of Friends at Uxbridge.

Dear Friends
Our Friend Joseph Bassett having removed with his
Family within the Verge of your Meeting this is to Certify
on his Behalf that he is a Member of ^{our} Society orderly and
a Diligent Attender of our Meetings and after Enquiry we
do not find but his affairs are settled and left to satisfaction
his Wife Rachel & Children Anna & Ephraim are also
Orderly Members as far as appears Signed in and on beh
alf said Meeting By

Thomas Arnold Clerk
Abigail Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 28th of the 5th Month 1790.

Whereas Asahel Bennet Son of John has had a Sight
of Membership in our religious Society but not duly attending
to that fear which not only leads out of vanity but if accie
in maketh the heart Clean and endureth forever has been
drawn into divers undue Liberties incident to youth, and has
become very negligent in attending our religious Meetings and
hoping to Stainness is not careful to avoid unprofitable com
pany and Whistling and is company keeping with a young
Woman not of our Society, and having from time to time
laboured with him for his recovery from these things and his
Restoration to unity without the desired Effect
we have disowned unity with him as a member until by Repentan
ce and amendment of Life he return and make Satisfaction
Signed in and by order of said Meeting

By Richard Henry Clerk

Whereas Asa Wheeler hath had a right of membership in our Society but he not regarding the manifestation of truth in his own mind has kept Company with a young Woman living in his fathers House and he confesses himself guilty of the Heinous sin of Fornication with her for which misconduct of his we do deny unity with him as a member of our Society untill he makes satisfaction for the same.

Signed in behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Webridge the 28th of the 5th Month 1790 By Richard Monry Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Webridge the 25th of the 6th Month 1790.
Respected Friends through unwatchfulness and giving way to youthful folly I have gone into many things Contrary to truth and our Principals in particular attended places of merriment and Dancing and joined therein and have not kept to plainness neither of Speech nor apparel and very much neglected the diligent attendance of our Religious Meetings and being Spoken with by a Friend for some of my above mentioned missteps was so weak as to try to cover them by denying them. That now being in a degree sensible that my missteps have been offensive in the sight of my maker do feel willing to give forth this testimony and Condemnation for the clearing truth and desire you my Friends to pass by mine offences and continue me under your care

Jesse Eddy

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at
Uxbridge the 30th of the 7th Month 1790
Respected Friends whereas I have had a right of Membership
amongst you have through inattention to the principle of
truth in my own Breast been to slack in the attendance of
religious meeting as almost wholly to neglect them have
worn a great Coat with a cape on it which doth not become
me the plainness and simplicity that Friends profess
and have at some times when Friends have labored with me
for my good presented it and treated them unkindly not in
mistaken taking it kind of them which transgressions of
mine I hereby condemn and desire Friends to pass my
offences and still continue me a Member and I hope
I shall Conduct more agreeable to our principles in
future from your Friend
Daniel Cook

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge in New England the 27th of the 8th M^o 1790
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Jerico on Long Isl.
and Dear Friends. Royal Aldrich a Member of
our Meeting informed us that he was about to remove
within the Verge of your Meeting and requested our
Certificate to you these are to Certify on his behalf that he
is of an orderly Life and Conversation a Steady attender
of Meetings has Settled his affairs to satisfaction and
appears to be Clear of Marriage engagements as such
we recommend him to your Christian Care and oversight
with Desires for his Growth in the truth
Signed in and By order of our above Said Meeting
By Richard Henry Elton

From Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield the 26th of the 8th Month 1790

So the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Respected Friends Thomas Owen having Removed
within your Monthly Meeting these are to Certify on his
behalf that he is a member of our Society and upon enqui-
-ry don't find but he has settled his outward affairs to
satisfaction and we recommend him to your Christian
Care and oversight and Conclude your Friends
Signedⁱⁿ this Meeting By Chas Smith Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge in the 9th mo.
1790 Friends these Lines are to inform you that
I have Measurably been made sensible of mine Eniquity
and am willing to acknowledge unto you that I have been to
negligent in attending of Religious Meetings both
for worship and Discipline And have gone contrary
to the good order Established among Friends in many
respects in particular in Slighting both my Parents
and Friends advice and accompanying with rude and
vicious Company and joined them therein by Dancing
and otherwise and as I now believe these things to be
inconsistent with the Christian Religion and offensive
in the Sight of my maker do feel my mind Measurea-
-ble engaged to Manifest a Repentance by amendment
of Life and Conversation And wish you my friends
to pass by my offences and accept me again a Member
of Society

Levi Lapham

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge
the 28th of the 6th Month 1798

Daniel Cass who hath had a rule of Membership in our
Religious Society but he having so far departed from
the principles we profess as to fall into a Contention
with his son after much Labour and pains he enters
into bonds to settle the same by leaving all matters of Dispute
to their Friends he then refused to fulfill the above
also the manner in which he Liveth with his Daughter
in Law being Dissatisfactory to his Wife and unbecom-
ing and reproachfull in which Cases we have laboured
much and waited Long in order to have matters reconciled
without the Desired effect These are therefore to Certify
that we have Disowned unity with him as a Member of
our Society and put him from under our care untill he
shall return and make Satisfaction for his Transgressions
by a Manifest Repentance in Life and Conversation
which we Desire may be his happy case before time to him
Shall be no more

Signed in and by order of our above said Meeting
By Richard Henry Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 30 of the 7th Month 1798. Whereas Isaac Southwick
hath had a right of Membership in our religious Society but
he not Living up to the principle we profess nor the advice
of his friends has Launched into trade and business beyond
his ability to manage in the truth nor he hath not been careful
to perform his promises and pay his just debts Whereby he
hath Disappointed those that have dealt with him for which
misconduct his Friends has Laboured with him to show him
the Evil thereof and advised him to settle with his Creditors
but he not regarding it we do therefore Disown him as a
member of our Society until he makes satisfaction for the
same

Signed in behalf of our Monthly Meeting
By Richard Henry Clerk

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at
Astonport on Rhode Island for New England by adju-
rnments from the 11th of 6th mo 1794, to the 14th of the same
Inclusive.

To the Several Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging
Dear Friends

We having been favoured in this our annual Assembly
with a measure of divine regard as the alone helper of his
People has in Wisdom seen meet, and with the company
of divers Friends from the adjacent Yearly-meetings,
and under a grateful sense thereof we have been enabled
to transact the affairs of Society with a Good degree of
Brotherly Love Condescension and harmony —

Your answers to the Queries afford us Some solid com-
fort, as thereby we are Informed that a remnant are
Conscientiously engaged to discharge themselves in that
Important work for which we are placed here on Ear-
th, & that these may continue in faithfulness there-
in is our ardent desire at this time, Recommending unto
such often and seriously to enquire what lack I yet,
nothing troubling but that he who has thus far enabled
them to proceed in their duty work will still afford his
gracious helping Hand to those whose only dependance
is on him, But as we also understand by your an-
swers that there are others among you who not only with-
draw their hand of assistance in needful time, but by their
conduct strengthen a Libertine Spirit and worldly min-
dedness, which is truly cause of mourning to those who
are honestly engaged for the spreading of Righteousness
in the Earth, and the Exaltation of the Kingdom
thereof, But what shall we say to those we have of-
ten respected our earnest desires for your amendment in
this way, and feel at this time affectionate regard and
good will to flow towards you by which we believe the Lords
hand is yet held out for your redemption and & that ye may
say halleluiah thereon, whereby ye will learn that he will bring ev-
ery thought into Judgment with every secret thing whether
it be good or whether it be evil —

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This collecting having received no regular account
in regard to the Quarterly Collectings progress Respecting
Schools & an equitable Settlement with those who have been
held in a State of Slavery amongst us, friends of the
several Quarterly Meetings are desirous to continue the
- in care therein and send up an acct of their progress
to next yearly Meeting —

It is concluded by this Meeting that the Qu-
arterly Collectings be held as follows viz, —

Rhode- Island Quarter to be held on the same
day in the month as heretofore, that is the 3rd day before
the secondth day of the following Month

~~at Sandwich~~
at Smiths River Meeting House in the 7th m^o.
Falmouth in the 10th m^o.
Swanzy in the 1st m^o.
Greenwich in the 4th m^o.

Salem Quarter.

at Falmouth the 7th day before the 1st - 1st day in the 7th m^o.
Dover the 7th day before the 1st - 1st day in the 12th m^o.
Hampton the 7th day before the 1st - 1st day in the 3rd m^o.
Salem the 5th - 8th day in the 6th m^o.

Sandwich Quarter.

at Nantucket the 3rd day after the 1st - 6th day in the 1st m^o.
Long-plain the 7th day before the 1st - 6th day in the 10th m^o.
Falmouth the 1st day after the 1st - 6th day in the 1st m^o.
Sandwich the 7th day before the last 1st day in the 3rd m^o.

We herewith send you transcripts of the London
& Philadelphia and Hesperus Epistles together with extra-
cts from our minutes which we desire may be transmitted
to each Monthly Meeting, and that particular at-
tention may be had to the several advices & recommend-
ations therein contained.

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting
of Col. Green Lth Clerk
to the collecting this year

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From our yearly meeting held in London by ad-
-journments from the 9th of ~~the~~ the 6th m^o 1793 to the six-
-teenth of the same Inclusive

To Friends of the yearly-meeting to be held
in Rhode-Island per. Lion-England —
Dear Friends —

We have received both your Epistles
of the 6th m^o 1791 and the 6th m^o 1792 whereby we
observe with great satisfaction that you have been fav-
-oured to hold your assemblies peaceably and that the
continuance of gracious regard hath been manifested
in them, and under its humbling influence you have
been enabled to transact the weighty affairs of the
Church to mutual help and edification — We are
impressed with thankfulness, by the accounts in both
your Epistles that divers have been added to our Society
by conviction and that many of the youth are under
the divine visitation may they patiently abide the
day of trial and refinement, coming forth as witnesses
- of the glory and power of truth, and be made in-
-strumental in their day to the spreading its Testimony
amongst the people — It is with satisfaction we also
observe that Friends with you are now clear of that
unjust and iniquitous practice of dealing in our fel-
low men, as well as holding them in Slavery, and
that this noble Testimony is spreading amongst
people of other Denominations — We are deeply
sensible that various trials and probations attend the
present day, and feel a tender sympathy with you
therein, in which very fervent desires are raised in
our minds that you may be preserved on that founda-
-tion which standeth sure, closely attentive to the growing
of the divine word in your hearts and be guided in great si-
-mplicity and integrity, under its holy direction, amidst the op-
-position and discouragements of such as prefer their temp-
-oral interest to the prosperity of Zion, of steady att-
-ention to this word seems the most essential business of all
rank, it will impress the minds of the youth with an
awful fear and become the means of their preparation,

from hurtful things lead to deeper experience as well as pur-
righ qualifications to fill the vacant seats of the saints it
will also strengthen the hands of such as are more rooted in
divine things to effectual labor in the Ministry and time
to remove the formality from the assemblies of the
People

We acknowledge with humble hearts the as-
sistance every of our heavenly Father, to us in this our
annual solemnity and in the renewed praise thereof of
fessionately salute you and remain

your Friends & Brethren
signed in & on behalf of said collecting

by William Luke Clerk
to the collecting this year

From our yearly Meeting of friends held at W.
Stony on Long-Island for the Government of New-
York & Part adjacent by arrangement from the
1st of the 1st of the 1st 1794 inclusive, to the
next yearly Meeting of friends at Newport on
Rhode-Island

Dear Friend,

We salute you in the Love of our Heav-
ly Father which hath been mercifully extended to
us at this time, uniting us together and giving us mea-
sures to rejoice that we are favoured once mo-
re to meet in this our annual assembly & there-
by have enabled to transact the weighty affairs of the
Church which come before us in much brotherly love
& concern

Your Epistle of last year came to hand and
was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction—We
rejoice you therein give being cause of rejoicing to
us in hearing that a considerable number of youth
attend your Meetings and that diverse of them appear en-
gaged in mind to join in the Labors for the support
of our Christian Testimony in its several branches—
may they be enabled to testify to persevere the—

— we are to be instrumental in helping forward the great work of building the House of Zion and repairing the waste places and that they may with propriety fill up the vacant seats of the Church —

— At further Labour hath been expended that Justice may be done to that injured People set free by Friends and by the accounts now received from the several Quarters it appears that the advice of this Meeting in that respect hath been generally complied with and a continued care is recommended to give them such assistance as may appear necessary. The dear Prior we feel our minds impressed at this time with the necessity of carefully attending to the dictates of an-
— oning Wisdom, that we may thereby be preserved in a watchful frame of mind in this time of outward ease when the enemy may be endeavouring to lull many into a state of carelessness & carnal security; whereby they will be like the Heath in the Desert, incapable of knowing when good comes & of answering the great end of their Creation —

The matter respecting a similar Discipline being urged by Friends throughout the Continent agreed by us last year's Meeting to the consideration of this was now received and after a solid deliberation thereon it appears to be the Judgment of this Meeting, that altho the matter appears desirable, if persons standing well approved admit yet we apprehend the time is not fully come to engage therein —

We therefore think it may be as well that the matter rest until a further motion of truth revive the consideration thereof being not without thought that something of that nature may in time take place among Friends — In a renewed sense of the obligations of Divine service offered to us at this time do we again salute you & remain your Friends and Brethren
— Moved by order on behalf of our said Meeting

Edmond Prior Clerk
to the Meeting this year

From our yearly Meeting held in London by
Adjournments from the 31st of the 5th m^o. to the 3rd
the 6th m^o. 1784 inclusive.

To Friends at their yearly Meeting of
Rhede-Place per London-England

Dear Friends,

Your Epistle of last year was re-
ceived in course and hath been read in this our an-
nual assembly wherein our minds are deeply impres-
sion with thankfulness to the author of all our
blessings, for the restoration of peace, restoring the
free intercourse again opened between the two countries
in consequence thereof a great favour which we earnestly
hope may be improved to our mutual edification
and comfort, in order thereto.

Dear Friends let it be our special care that the
Suspension of outward troubles may not lull us
into a state of carnal ease and security, as the
danger we are exposed to from the unprovoked enemy
of our Souls were thereby lessened, for a suitable
observation on the varying dispensations of Divine
Providence may abundantly convince us of the con-
trary, and that the eyes of many who under the
judgments of the Lord revealed in the earth had ma-
nifested a sense of the vanity, and uncertainty of
sublunary pursuits & engagements, and tasted of that
peace which an attention to the work of righteousness
has been productive of, have notwithstanding in the
time of outward ease been blinded by the glare of this
world and they gradually led away into deep captivity, wh-
ereby they have lost their constitution, towards the patri-
cal purpose of adorable goodness concerning them, and con-
tributed to render the renewal of awakening judgments
necessary, may therefore the Dear youth both among you
and us whose minds have been visited with the day spr-
ing from on high, attend to the restraints of the home
Monitor in their own bosoms that thereby they may be
guarded against the pernicious influence and entangle-
ment.

ments of the spirit of this work, and become settled as
 instruments in the Lord's hand for the advancement of
 them. that godliness with contentment is great gain,
 having the promise of the life that now is and of that wh-
 ich is to come, and oh, that none of those who are or
 may be admitted into membership among us, may be
 made to stumble by the indiscretion of any especially
 of such as are active in the discipline, but that by close-
 ly attending to a moving under the pure and peaceable
 government of that Wisdom which is profitable to
 direct, they may be built up in the divine faith they
 have received, and be more and more convinced that it
 works not by strife and contention but by meekness and
 love to the casting away of every unkind and injurious
 supposition, that thus being exemplary. & encouraged to
 suffer the ax to be laid to the root of war in them-
 selves they may be qualified to unite in promoting
 a clear testimony to the coming of Christ's peaceable
 Kingdom on earth. A Testimony on the advance-
 ment of which the present peace as well as future
 happiness of mankind so essentially depend.

We write with satisfaction your attention to the
 care and help of the African race among you, and as we
 have abundant reason to believe that those who are
 uprightly engaged in this branch of Service, receive
 the reward of peace, we desire that therein you may be enco-
 -uraged and strengthened.

We are now favoured with the company of bre-
 -thren and sisters from divers parts of your continent
 whose labour of love are truly acceptable and comforting.

We salute you in love and remain your friends
 and Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting

By Richard Chester clerk
 to the Meeting this year

From our yearly Meeting held at Philadelphia
for Pennsylvania, New-Jersey &c. by adjournments
from the 27th of the 9th m^o to the 1st of the 10th m^o 1784
Inclusive —

To the yearly Meeting of Friends to be held on
Rhode-Island for New-England —

Dear Friends — Your Epistle of the 6th m^o last
is Received by us, and hath been read to our satisfaction.
Made sensible at this time that the Lord hath not
forsaken his people, but is graciously affording them
his help; We have renewed cause of thankfulness for his
manifest favours under a sense of the Father's love ex-
tended, which the humble traveller is made partaker of, we
become instrumentally helpful to each other, let it then
be our care often to seek for it that in the fresh spr-
ing up of life we may encourage to persevere in
in the way that leads to peace — In a degree of this
justification we affectionately salute you, desiring that
we all may attentively wait for the enlivening virtue
to invigorate our spirits; and constantly endeavour in
true fear as in the sight of our great master, watch-
fully to perform our part, and thus not only work
out our own salvation, but be a means of turning
the eyes of others from dying vanities to their sure
mercies, that Strangers and aliens to the common-
wealth of Israel may be brought to see Jerusalem
made to them a place of rejoicing, and her people a
joy — It is cause of sorrow to behold in many
places and persons, how little the late trying dispen-
sation has done towards their establishment in the way
of righteousness, through forgetfulness of these seasons
of trouble and that some who in a good degree had tu-
rned their backs upon the world and its allurements
for the joy that was set before them, appear to be
cooling in their zeal, are laying aside their late Ch-
ristian Simplicity, moderation and plainness, compl-
ying with and attaching them selves to things which
at that time they saw were out of the line of true
Wisdom

wisdom & religious liberty; the end of these if they continue to rebel against the light of instruction ^{must} be anxiety and dismay. —

But let not the sincere mourner be discouraged nor too much troubled; let not those who have measurably had their feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, be staggered or turned out of the way which is cast up for the redeemed; for most assuredly their exercises are beheld and approved by the great Shepherd who sleepeth not by day nor slumbereth by night, who, himself, spake this encouraging language, "Fear not little flock it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." And may this Kingdom be our aim and not the Kingdoms or Governments of this World the spirit of which often exhibits much confusion and disturbance, and we fear too many are in danger of being snared thereby — We view with satisfaction your account of care respecting the much injured African race, and tho we may see but little fruit immediately growing from our labours, and be sensible of weakness in labouring, let not a remission thereof longer prevail than to renew our strength in him who has approved the work & countenanced his servants beyond their expectation for in due time he will accomplish the same and cause his faithful children to rejoice therein. —

We expect the right Education of our youth is also a subject of your continued care, and may inform you that it remains under our solic attention; and let us not forget that altho our progress may be retarded by difficulties, we shall reap satisfaction and comfort if we liberally persevere under the guidance of wisdom to fulfill our duty herein —

This our annual assembly hath been large and attended by diverse concerned Brethren from most of the yearly meetings on this continent, and friends have been made near to one another by the

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unity of the one Spirit in the bond of peace,
for which blessing vouchsafed to us, we desire that
humbling goodness may be exalted under a feeling
whence we bid you farewell
Signed by direction and on John Drinker clerk
behalf of our said Meeting) to the meeting this year.

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at
Dorchester the 1st of the 11th mo. 1784
To the several Monthly-Meetings of Friends
in New-England

Dear Friends

It is a satisfaction to this Meeting to be able to inform you; that the concern
of the yearly Meeting for setting up a school,
whereby each Monthly-Meeting may have it in
their power to give a qualified religious Education
to all the children of the poor, and of such others
in society who are unable to be at the expence of
Educating their offspring hath so far obtained
the desirable end, that a school is now ready
and will be opened the 8th Inst. at Dorchester
on Rhode-Island, under the Tuition of our
esteemed Friend Isaac Landon wherein all
such Friends (children as) are not able to pay,
may be Educated without any expence for their
~~Education~~ Tuition; their Books, Paper, Pens &
Ink being all found them; But their Board be-
ing 4/6 per Week for those under 14 and 5/- for
those Older - is to be ~~paid out of~~ by the Friends
or Meeting who send them excepting such part
as the Stock will afford towards the same, which
will be proportioned Quarterly, and information
on given as soon as may be - Here we may
express our desire that all Friends whose cir-
cumstances will admit of their Spairing something
to useful and benevolent purpose may consider of it
renew

remember the Object of this Institution, and manifest their unity with the Body of Friends, by their free and liberal Donations, or by Bequests and Devises in their last wills, to the end that the Funds may be raised so that the Board as well as the schooling may be paid ^{for} out of the Stock — whereby our poor may be so Educated as to be qualified for Business & be as ornaments to society — The price of Tuition is 9/ for each Quarter to be paid for the Children whose Parents are able, this is added to the Stock. Friends are desired to Subscribe what they have freedom for the present year; and those Friends who have already Subscribed for the first year are desired to send up their Subscriptions, and also to pay for the Term as soon as they can — for all the Scholars who come more than 50 miles four pence a mile for the Extra Distance will be paid out of the Stock if the Scholars remain one year —

(copy Examined & forwarded) by Moses Brown
by Order of said Meeting) Clerk for this time

From our yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westbury on Long Island by adjournments from the 2nd of the 5th mo to the 1st of the 8th mo 1785 Inclusive.

To the next yearly Meeting of our Friends and Brethren at Rhode Island.

Dear Friends

We have in gratitude to acknowledge the continuation of the Paternal regard of the great Father of the family, to his Dependant Children, graciously Extended to us at this time, wherein renewed Encouragement hath been Experienced both to hope and Quietly wait for the Salvation of the Lord, in whom is everlasting Strength, in a sense whereof do we affectionately Salute you, with desi-

res that we may Individually know an increase thereof from time to time, so to abilitate us that we may Experience a going forward, Notwithstanding the many close trials and besetments permitted to attend us in our pilgrimage through time -

Your Brotherly Epistle of 8th inst last came to hand, and it is with satisfaction we observe that ability was given to transact the affairs of the Church in conference and concord; may a care and concern animate each mind that the Unity of Brotherhoods comprised formerly to precious Covenant upon the head, be more and more known and maintained amongst us that the Church may again appear in her ancient Beauty.

An Earnest solicitude for the welfare of the rising youth of our Society hath at this time appeared, that they may attend to that Inspiring word of Life, whereby Victory may be known over their corrupt Inclinations which tend to lead them after Lying Vanities and forsake their own mercies and that they may come up in the footsteps of their faithful predecessors in a Life of Self-denial and that plainness of Speech Behaviour & apparel which is a distinguishing badge of our society -

This our Annual Assembly hath been large and through the calming influence of the Divine Anointing we have been enabled to transact the weighty affairs of the Church that have come before us in Brotherly Love and concord in a sense of which and the many favours we have from time to time Received do again salute you and bid you farewell

signed by Direction and on) Edmund Prior Clerk
behalf of our said meeting) to the meeting this year

From our yearly collecting held in London by
Adjournments from the 16th of the 5th mo 1795 to the
25th of the same inclusive—

To the Yearly Meeting of friends in New-
England—

Dear Friends

Your Epistle from Rhode Island
of the 6th mo. last was read in this Meeting, and
we observe with ^{satisfaction} that your collecting hath been as well
attended as heretofore, with the addition of ^{diverse} added
by ^{convinced} conviction on whose account we feel a warm
concern that a living exercise may more generally prevail
that the growth of such may by no means be obstructed,
nor any occasion of stumbling administered; causing them
to turn aside, but being engaged in the spirit of our
mines to be as Examples to the flock. Such may
be gently led forward in the path cast up for the
ransomed and redeemed to walk in, and by those un-
iting with others to follow on to know the Lord.
There may be a comfortable prospect of a valuable suc-
cession to those that may be removed from works to revo-
lutions of faithful witnesses such as truly fear God, and
hate covetousness that may be as lights in their day
and generation.

We likewise feel the revival of concern on your
account that as the all-wise disposer of Events hath
seen meet to put a stop to the Effusion of blood, and
to remove other calamities that lay heavy upon you, your
mines may not be forgetful of those humbling seasons,
nor of the engagements of soul in those days of outward
distress, for however ^{may be} sufferings, ^{afflictions} or the nature
of our trials, let us bear in remembrance that common
adversary is unrelenting, ever attentive to our various ^{infirmi-}ties
and weaknesses if by any means he may hinder those
who have been engaged to turn their backs on the
world, from making straight steps to their feet in
their progress towards him. We therefore beseech you
beloved brethren to labour ever to remain watchful as

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the only state of safety, being persuaded that the blessing pronounced is still continued to every parent whom when his Lord cometh he shall find watching - It afforded satisfaction to observe the religious concern begotten and spreading in many minds, for the relief of that deeply distressed people, the Africans, followed by a degree of labour that hath not been in vain but blessed with success tending to their Enlargement, and we trust it may prove an encouragement to those of this Land who are Exercised on their account, to make use of every prudent exertion on their behalf; the spreading of their Case and situation among people of various superior stations, hath met with a very favourable reception, beyond Expectation and the disposition of many people to Unite for their relief affords cause to hope, that he who made of one blood all nations of men that dwell on the face of the Earth, and hath appointed the bounds of their habitation is in tender compassion regarding the oppression of this afflicted Race, and that the time is approaching when a more equitable situation will be their lot, and that they may share the privileges of those who call themselves the more enlightned part of mankind, - We remain your Friends & Brethren
Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting

By

Thomas Bland Clerk
to the meeting this year

From our yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode-Island for New-England by adjournment:
from ^{the 18th} of the 6th m^o 1785 to the ^{12th} of the same inclusive
To the several Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging
Dear Friends;

We have been favoured thro' the several Sittings of this our Annual Assembly, to transact the business that came weightily before us, in a

good degree of brotherly condensation, and notwithstanding it hath been a season of inward trial wherein we believe many have ^{been} baptized into a state of poverty, and weakness, yet encouragement hath been administered to continue in persevering patience, which all ought to endeavour after, as a truly essential qualification for right discipline in the Church.

We have also been favoured with the Company of our esteemed Friends Zacharias Sims and Ann Spoon from North Carolina & Joseph Galt & Abner Thomas and Joshua Morris from Pennsylvania whose labours of love have been satisfactory and edifying to us.

Rec^d. accounts from all the Quarterly meetings, with answers to the Queries, by which it appears that many deficiencies are still remaining. The consideration of which hath been cause of great anxiety to ^{the} rightly engaged at heart; and we ardently wish that every question consistent with best wisdom may be made for amendment; that the accounts in future may come up more clear, and expressive of the care and attention of friends in general, towards those who administer censure of such complaints; and in an especial manner that we individually endeavour through divine assistance to keep up and encourage that mark of true Discipleship.

Love and Unity

We think it may be useful for you to recommend the reading the advice given by this meeting last year respecting Spirituous liquours, in the several ^{monthly} and preparative meetings, and are that concerned friends pay attention to this particular branch of our testimony, and endeavour in a spirit of love to unite all our members in a cordial compliance.

The matter respecting Bolton, Preparative meetings being annexed to it bridge. Monthly meetings came before the Meeting and after

consideration thereon, it is concluded that said Bolton Preparative Meeting be considered in future as belonging to Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting.

The appeal of Weston Hicks, from the judgment of Rhode-Island Quarterly-Meeting came before this meeting, which was taken unto consideration, and deliberately proceeded in, and the judgment and determination of the Quarterly Meeting confirmed.

It is concluded to raise the sum of £100 for the supply of the yearly-Meeting stock, of which sum, the representatives have apportioned to Rhode-Island, Quarter £57.10.

Signed in and on behalf of by (aleb Green, Clerk of the yearly-Meeting aforesaid) to the collecting this year.

From our Meeting for Sufferings held at Portsmouth the Eighth of 6th mth 1785. To the Several Monthly-Meetings

Dear Friends

It appearing that the information we have before been able to give respecting what part of the expence of the Boarding the poor of Society, while at the yearly-Meetings school could be paid out of the Fund, has been so uncertain as not to be a sufficient Inducement for the Monthly-Meetings to send their poor. We have therefore again taken the Subject into consideration, being desirous that the Funds, so far as they will go may be applied agreeable to the intentions of the Institution, in furnishing the Poor of Society with necessary Learning; have concluded to notify each Monthly-Meeting to send one of their children of the first class of poor, that is such who are not Paupered in their own right of the necessary means of Food and raiment, nor have parents of ability on whom it is incumbent to

It is concluded that in future, Sandwich Quarterly-Meeting be held as followeth viz on the second sixth day of the 12th mth that used to be held in the 4th mth and that which used to be held in the 3rd mth to on the sixth before the last first day in said and the other two as formerly.

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The appeal of Weston Nichols, from the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting came before this meeting, which was taken into consideration, and deliberately proceeded in, and the judgment and determination of the Quarterly Meeting confirmed.

It is concluded to raise the sum of 100 for the supply of the yearly Meeting stock, of which sum, the representatives have apportioned to Rhode Island Quarterly £57.10.

Signed in and on behalf of (aleb Green, clerk of the yearly Meeting aforesaid) to the Meeting this year.

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furnish them therewith, but are supplied as objects of charity or such who have grown to an age and ability to support themselves with their own labour, yet are destitute of Learning to fit them for business - and altho the Expence of the Board of one only of such poor from each Monthly Meeting which is to be paid out of the fund, will be as much as it will at present admit of, yet others of a second class of poor, whose parents may be able to furnish them with food & Raiment but need assistance in their Education are also objects of the Institution, and to such there will be due attention paid and the expence of Tuition, Books and other materials necessary for their Learning in school will also be paid out of the Fund - and we recommend to all friends who apprehend themselves engaged in the cause of Truth closely to attend to this important duty of furnishing all our members with necessary Learning, to fit them for business and to discharge themselves herein by such encouragement as may tend to their own peace and the welfare of the rising generation - Beside the necessary Library Instruction the children are to be taught habits of Regularity & Decency of Respectful Subordination to their Superiors, of forbearance, affection & kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their maker and these habits of Silence & recollection Taught & practised in the ancient Schools - and Sincerity in the Holy scriptures, &c it must be admitted untill the Divine Blessing that such an Education of our youth as tends to fix right Impressions at the first opening and enlargement of their minds, must lead to an assured promising hopes of their fuller usefulness, which being the Intention and Care of Friends in the promotion and conducting of the School. It may also be expected, that those who are of ability to give their children an Education

cation abroad will also send them when they are not supplied with suitable schools at home. We apprehend such temperance - weaning of children from their expectation of parental Indulgences will be advantageous to the youth and promote the school by lessening the expence of or increasing the fund; such monthly meetings, (if any) as have not any of ^{the} first class of Doors, to send up are desired to give the earliest Notice thereof that those of other meetings may receive the benefit of Instruction. And those meetings who have more than one of such are desired to inform what a number. —

Since in and on behalf of said Meeting
by Thomas Lapham, Clerk
for this Time

The committee continued to further consider of the matter which came up in the account from South Kingstown monthly meeting made the following report viz -

To the Quarterly Meeting now sitting - We of the comtee appointed to consider of the matter brought from South Kingstown monthly meeting respecting an equitable reputable way to defray the expences of such Friends as shall accompany Publick Friends &c. We think it may be best that each Monthly Meeting appoint two or more Suitable Friends whose care it shall be to see that such Friends as come amongst us on a Religious Visit have suitable companions provided to accompany them when they leave our Quarter untill they get amongst Friends of another Quarter or otherwise as the circumstances may require, and that the Friends so appointed when necessary may present an account of the expence to their respective Monthly meetings, the Monthly Meeting approving or allowing of the same, said collecting has liberty to lay the same before the Quarterly meeting or an audit which they may appoint.

int for that service for their approbation & if ap-
 prove of, the Treasurers be directed to reimburse
 said Monthly Meeting Smithfield 8th of 7th mo^r.
 1795 which is adopted by this * Thomas Hazard
 Meeting & the Clerk Paul Greene.
 is directed to send a copy David Barnum.
 of this minute to each moⁿthly Meeting Daniel & Anthony
 Jacob & Mott

Extracted from the minute. Jonathan & Mowry
 of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Smith-
 field 14th & 15th days of 7th mo^r. 1795
 by W^m M^y Clerk

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth also in-
 formed this Meeting that such Subscriptions as Fr-
 iends are free to make for the purpose of building
 a Meeting House at Redford is now wanting to
 carry on the same; Whereupon this Meeting des-
 ds the several Monthly Meeting to send up
 such Subscriptions as they already have, or may
 be free to make towards the building said Meeting
 House to the Comtee appointed by Dartmouth Moⁿthly
 Meeting to carry on the same, (building of
 and an account thereof to this Meeting. And
 the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute
 to each Monthly Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island
 Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield 14th & 15th
 days of 7th mo^r. 1795
 by W^m M^y Clerk

The Book of Discipline being printed and
 ready for the use of the Society, he herewith send
 one to each Monthly Meeting, and it being thought
 best that the Women as well as the Men prepa-
 ration and Monthly Meeting be furnished with a

copies Three Books more will be for sale when they are done - It may be observed by the Preface that the Book the printer is not intended to become public, Friends therefore will consider it in the same light as the former Manuscript Book of Discipline - As there are more Copies Printed than is proposed to be sent, if any ecclesiastical collecting incline to have more by sending up seven shillings and six pence each, being a cent the rest, they may receive them - The property, government, and direction of the Books are to be in ecclesiastical collectings, yet there will be no objection to the ecclesiastical lending them to such persons as may be instrumental in furnishing the collectings with such money as they may think it safe, the name of the ecclesiastical collecting being first inserted in the Title Page - As the attorney is wanted to pay the expenses of them, Friends are desired to send their proportion of the yearly ecclesiastical stock as soon as may be -

Signed in and on behalf of the ecclesiastical
for sufferings held at Providence the 12th of the 9th
mo: 1785 - by Thomas Arnold Clerk
To the several ecclesiastical collectings

From our yearly ecclesiastical meeting held at Providence for Pennsylvania, New-Jersey & the Western parts of Maryland & Virginia by adjournments from the 26th day of the 9th mo to the 1st of the 10th inclusive 1785

To the next yearly ecclesiastical meeting of Friends to be held at Newport on Rhode Island or some place in England

Dear Friends -

We received your Epistle of 6th mo last which was read to our comfort and satisfaction and may

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may inform you that this our assembly has been
in large & solemn, wherein through the renewed ma-
nipulation of divine regard, we have been enabled
to rise into the state of our religious Society, in an
ardent travail that those who may believe it to be th-
eir duty to be careful in the attendance of our relig-
ious meetings, and are concerned in the exercise of the
Discipline of the Church, may indeed not only by the
inviting language of conduct, but by a religious atten-
tion of mind, waiting upon him, who would renew th-
eir strength, and enable them to say to the negligent
& lukewarm, come up, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will
teach us his ways, and to walk in his paths —

We have with sorrow of heart, to remark that
doers among us who, during the late season, where-
in the rod of divine displeasure has been so eviden-
tly felt in our land, were in a good degree awak-
ed to a religious sense of duty, for want of abiding un-
der the heavenly refining hand, when the enemy in
a day of outward ease & prosperity hath tempted
them with the riches & delusive pleasures of this
world, they have been deceived thereby to their em-
minent danger, may the humble followers of Jesus,
both amongst us and you, be encouraged to cleave un-
to him with full purpose of heart under renewed eng-
agement, to keep the word of his patience that so he
may keep them from the hour of temptation which sh-
all come upon all the world, to try them that dwell
upon the Earth —

And as many of the dear youth have been favoured
with the day spring from on high, and therein ma-
de willing through the constraining power of truth
to open to the beloved of souls, in which they have
greatly rejoiced as in a spring season, though now for
a time as faith the apostle are in heaviness through
manifold temptations; yet by abiding under the heav-
enly refining hand, they will be enabled as was the prop-
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phet formerly, to distinguish that." The Lord was not in the wind the Earthquake or the Fire; but by attention to the still small voice, I shall indeed in great awfulness receive intelligence of their religious duty and be enabled to come forward in the line of divine appointment, to the comfort of those who have borne the burthen and the heat of the day, the edification of the Church and their everlasting advantage.

We note with particular satisfaction your account of the spreading of our Testimony in doing Justice with respect to the hire of the labourers who have reaped down our Fields; We think this Testimony is still gradually spreading in our parts, may it spread and prevail, not only amongst us as a society, but amongst all professing the Christian name, that so the cry of the oppression which hath entered into the Ears of the Lord of Sabaoth may cease in our Land.

In a measure of Gospel love we salute ye and remain your Friends & Brethren

Signed by order & on behalf of our elect^{ed} afforesaid By

John Drinker Clerk
to the Met. & this year

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 3rd of 3rd month and 1st of the 4th month 1786

Joseph Battey a pretty orderly Member of our Meeting informed that he was about to reside a few months within the verge of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of which this Meeting approves and the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this minute

copy

By

James Smith Clerk
for this time

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From our Monthly Meeting held for Smith-
field the 26th of the 10th mo. 1786
To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge the
within named informed He is about to return to
ye these are to Certify on his Behalf that he
has been orderly While among us for aught ap-
pears — Signed By order and on Behalf of
said Meeting By Walter Allen Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge
the 28th of 9th mo. 1786
Bernard Fowler a member of our Me-
ting informed that he was about to reside a few
months within the verge of Smithfield Monthly
Meeting this approving thereof the clerk is De-
sire to give him a copy of this Minute
Copy by James Smith Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at
Uxbridge these are to inform that the within
named Bernard Fowler produced the within
Lines to us, and after residing here a little time
we understand ^{him} is returned to you again, and we re-
commend ^{him} to your care and oversight.
Signed on behalf and by order of our monthly
meeting held at Smithfield the 28th of 9th mo. 1786
By Walter Allen Clerk

From our Yearly Meeting held at Westbury
on Long Island from the 27th of 8th mo. 1786 to
the 1st of the 6th mo. inclusive

To the next yearly Meeting on Rhode-Is-
land — In a sense of Divine Love mercifully renewed
to us in this our annual Assembly do we affection-
ately

ately salute you desiring that we may steadily keep our eye to the Captain of our salvation who has preserved us through many trials and deep probation and enabled at this time to transact the weighty affairs which came before us in Brotherly love and condescension for which we desire to humbly thank you.

We received your ~~year~~ Brotherly Epistle of sixth Month last which afforded satisfaction, and altho times of inward weakness and poverty may be experienced, yet we believe that the Lord will arise in his own time for the strength and encouragement of his poor dependant children who are engaged in a deep travail of spirit for Lions cause that she may become the beauty of Nations.

And although deviations are still apparent a considerable number are preserved sincerely desirous for the promotion of the cause of Truth, and a concern arose and spread in this meeting which led into a deep enquiry into the state of society amongst us, under which a close attention was recommended to Friends to stir one another up to a circumpect walking that our Christian Testimony may be kept inviolate in its various branches.

The subject of the right Education of the youth came again Weightily before us and friends were encouraged to an increased exertion therein.

We conclude in Brotherly Affection your Friends and Brethren.

Signed by order and on behalf of ~~the~~ said Meeting
Edmund Prior Clerk
to the Meeting this year

From our Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 5th day of 6th mo. 1786 to the 12th of the same inclusive
To Friends at the next yearly Meeting held on Rhode-Island, for New-England.

Dear Friends,

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We Received your Epistle dated in the
8th month last year, and it is cause of thankfu-
-lness ~~that you should~~ in this our Annual as-
-sembly to be informed that your Chambers have
of late been increased by divers being joined in
Religious fellowship with you by converne-
-nt, on whose account we find a concern to pre-
-vail in our minds that you may be incited to
walk before them as becometh the profession we
are making of the principles of Truth,

adorning the Doctrine of Christ by a condu-
-ct consistent therewith, whereby you will be ma-
-de Instrumental to strengthen and encourage
them in persevering in a life of self denial,
and by your Examples they will be confirmed in a
belief that notwithstanding some amongst you
of the rising youth are following after lying
Vanities and forsaking their own Mercies, and
others of riper age, are preferring the gain &
enjoyments of this present World,

To the securing a part in the mansions of Bl-
-iss, where the wicked cease from troubling & the
weary soul is at rest. Yet Truth is the same
it ever was, and all such as are seriously con-
-cerned not to depart therefrom, but closely ad-
-here thereto and follow the Light thereof in
all its manifestations are preserved alive, &
continue to experience a growth therein to an es-
-tablishment in Righteousness. May this conti-
-nue to be your daily experience then will you be
animated to come forward in the practice of eve-
-ry religious duty, & to the performance of those
services in the Church which the present State
of things amongst us requires particularly in
the constant attendance of all your meetings
for Worship, both on first & other days of
the week, encouraging your Families in the
due attendance thereof, as also your Meetings
for

Discipline, and we are anxiously concerned at this time to intreat you may be watchful when met so to transact the Affairs before you that a Godly care may be maintained for the preservation of good order amongst your members, each bearing in mind this excellent advice of the apostles, to keep to the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, this will produce an harmonious labour of spirit for the health and preservation one of another and unite you together in that heavenly fellowship which Christ is the Author of, then will he be found to preside among you as your Counsellor, Judge & Lawgiver, and as a spirit of Judgment, & Strength to them that turn the Battle to the gate. Our minds are comforted with the ^{information you give of the} Progress made in affording such actual relief to the oppressed Africans within the Limits of your meeting with which we heartily unite & hope for the continuance of your Religious care for the final accomplishment thereof, at the same time we have the satisfaction to inform you that an increasing care is maintained among Friends in this Nation to use our best Endeavours to promote the suppression of this unrighteous traffick.

We Salute you in Gospel Love and therein remain your Friends & Brethren
Signed in & on behalf of our said meeting
Richard Reynolds Clerk
to the meeting this year.

From our yearly Meeting of Friends began and held on Rhode-Island for New-England from the 9th Day of the 6th m^o. 1786 to the 15th of the same Inclusive.

To the several Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging

Dear Friends (92)

In a Degree of that Antient Love which hath been generously Vouchsafed to us at this time do we Salute you and Inform that this meeting (tho not altogether so large as usual) hath been Favoured in Conducting the many weighty matters that have come before it, having Sincerely to acknowledge the United Labours of our well concerned Brethren from Europe and the Neighbouring Yearly Meetings attending this, who upon the Difficulties of Society Spread before us by the Answers to the Queries made many Seasonable and judicious Remarks thereon which Corresponding with the concern of this Meeting we think advisable to Recommend to the several Quarterly Meetings to appoint a committee of Solved well concerned Friends to Visit the several Monthly Meetings to afford them such assistance counsel and advice as they in the ability Truth afford, may think best in order for a removal of all such Causes of complaint, having a Special attention to such as are Deficient in attending our Religious Meetings both for worship and Discipline also the orderly and pious Education of Children which the truth requires and leads all the Faithful into, Likewise when there appears any breach of love and unity which are the fruits of the Flesh and a carnal mind, as true Love is the fruit of the Spirit and Distinguishing Mark of being a real Disciple of Christ, and also where there appears any neglect in the Settlement of outward affairs that the Monthly Meetings endeavour to guard their members as much as may be from any Deviation from a strict adherence to justice and Equity in the payment of Debts or Discharge of Contracts, for such a conduct would not only affect the character of

of the particular. But the Reputation of our Religious Society and we further earnestly Recommend to see that Friends make their wills and settle outward affairs in time of health and where it appears that any amongst us walks not according to our holy profession that all such be timely Delt with agreeable to the wholesome Rules Established amongst us and now printed to which we refer all Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to pay due attention and put the same in practice.

This Meeting hath concluded to raise Seventy five pounds for this Meetings Stock, your proportion of which is Forty Three pounds three shillings.

With the Salutation of Love we remain your affectionate friends Signed in and on behalf of our yearly Meeting aforesaid

Sam^l. Rodman Clerk this year

From Our Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania New-Jersey Delaware and the western parts of Maryland and Virginia by adjournments from the 25th of the 9th mo 1798 to 30th of the same inclusive.

To the next yearly Meeting of Friends to be held for new England.

Dear Friends
We salute you in the Love and Fellowship of the Gospel, desiring that the power thereof may spread and prevail amongst you, to your Comfort and Edification - your brotherly Epistle of the present year we received and read to satisfaction and we have cause to be humbly thankful to the author of all our sure mercies in that he still vouchsafes to own our assemblies and become a spirit of Judgment to those who sit in Judgment as there is a bowing to the knee of life in our selves.

we feel increasing desire that the solid baptizing virtue of Truth may be Daily waited for and experienced in our religious Meetings as we well know that former Experiences are but as the Manna yesterday and unless a daily fervent Travail and Exercise attend our Minds we shall decline and suffer Loss we therefore earnestly recommend it as necessary for both you and us to center to our Gifts and to be engaged in Labour for the arising of Life. this keeps to the savour and true feeling, wherein a right Discernment is given and a Capacity to distinguish the shepherd's voice, who goes forth and goes before his sheep, and leads in the path of safety.

Upon the Receipt of Certificates only signed by the Clerks of your Meetings we have been impressed with a belief that if they had been signed by the Members of the Monthly Meeting generally, agreeable to the ancient Practice of Friends generally continued among us where they extend beyond the Limits of our yearly Meeting they would have carried more Weight, and been more satisfactory to us, we think it a subject which claims your Consideration; and recommend a careful feeling after ^{the} Proposal; we do not mean to dictate; but are desirous that a brotherly freedom may be maintained, and that we may become useful one to another.

We have also been affected with pain on account of a practice which has prevailed of granting so many Certificates to ministering Friends on religious Visits among you particularly from Monthly Meetings and believe more caution herein is necessary.

The State of our meetings as brought up in the Reports has been opened and spread before us, it appears there are Deficiencies in many under our Charge who are not duly sensible of the great duty they owe to the Supreme being to meet together for the performance of divine worship, and others when assembled

not having witnessed a suitable preparation of heart for this awful service have been overtaken with Drowsiness, which has administered pain to the living in the family, and feeling an ardent travail that those who have given occasion of complaint may be restored to usefulness among us and know a Redemption from those things that have clogged and hindered their way we Desire a daily Exercise may spread and prevail among you and us for the help of such. Some weighty Communications have been offered by concerned Brethren on those important Subjects and we do exhort all to walk worthy of their vocation; and follow him who said I am meek and Low of heart, that by a single Devotedness of mind to his honour we may know an improvement in Every good word and work; and as the Dearly Beloved youth are objects of peculiar care and attention we feel an increasing concern for their preservation greatly desiring their obedience to the visitations of Divine grace; that they may be more and more fitted to come up into their respective allotments.

Our annual Meeting has been large and accompanied with the best authority, and many have had to Rejoice in a feeling sense thereof, which has excited a comfortable hope that the love and unity is on the increase among us.

We are your loving Friends.
Signed by Direction and on (John Drunker
behalf of our said Meeting (Clerk this year

From our 9th Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge
the 30th of the 5th mo 1797.

Thomas Watson informing this Meeting that he is about to reside within the Verge of Smithfield Monthly Meeting a few months and Desires a few lines by way of Certificate these may inform on his behalf that he is a member of this and of an orderly life and the Clerk is Desired to give him a

copy of the estimate. (96)
copy from the Minutes by James Smith Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge
Beloved Friends — Thomas Watson in-
formed this Meeting that he is about to return to
live within your Meeting again, these are on his
behalf to let you know we concur with his retu-
-rn, he having lived among us in an orderly man-
-ner so far as we know —
Signed in and by order of our Monthly Me-
-ting held at Smithfield 25th of the 10th mo 1787
By George Comstock Clerk

Let it be Remembered that we Jaazaniah Ba-
-rrett William Bassett & John Walker in the
behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge on
the one part and Samuel Aldrich of Northbridge
in the county of worcester yeoman on the other
do mutually agree to leave all matters of Dispute
subsisting between the said Samuel as trustee
to the will of Rachel Thayer and the aforeaid
Meeting unto the arbitrament and final Determ-
-ination of John Knowls John Casey Willi-
-am Anthony junr. Thomas Hazard & Benj-
-amin Howland who are fully impowered to hear
the parties and take all matters respecting said
Donation held by the said Samuel as trustee to
the will of Rachel Thayer into consideration
and Determine thereon accordingly; any three of
them agreeing; the report to be good and binding
upon the parties in witness whereof we have here-
-unto set our hand this fourteenth Day of the
fourth month 1787. —
William Bassett
John Walker
Jaazaniah Barrett
Samuel Aldrich

East Greenwich y^e 14th of y^e 4th m^o 1787

We the the subscribers Being appointed to hear and Determine the Matter in controversy between the Monthly Meeting of Westbridge and Samuel Aldrich respecting what may be Due upon a note given said Monthly Meeting as Trustee to the last will and Testament of Rachael Thayer having met and fully heard the parties do adjudge upon considering the Matter that there is still due to the said Monthly Meeting from the said Samuel upon said note Nineteen pounds Lawful silver money and that the said Samuel pay the said Monthly Meeting the aforesaid sum of Nineteen pounds in Good Merchantable Indian corn at the ^{market} price for silver money where said corn may be delivered upon the twenty fifth Day of the twelfth month next ^{with interest} from this time and that he give security accordingly

John Knowle
John Coffey
William Anthony
Thomas Hazard
Benjamin Howland

From our yearly Meeting held at Westbury on Long Island by adjournments from the 26th to the 31st of the 5th m^o 1787 inclusive
To the next yearly Meeting of Friends at Newport
Beloved Friends —

We affectionately Salute you under a thankful sense of the gracious extendings of divine kindness mercifully vouchsafed to us thro the several sittings of this our annual assembly, the business whereof hath been transacted in harmony & ^{all} fervently desire that we may walk worthy of so high a favour. —

We received your Epistle of 6 months last which was edifying and cause of rejoicing to hear that your meeting was favoured with the extendings of divine regards which is the only crown of all our ~~assemblies~~ religious assemblies and we believe that as we honestly labor to dwell near

the fountain of Life, & therein convey what we feel simply to stir, our Epistolary correspondence will be mutually helpful—

And notwithstanding there are many deviations amongst us yet it is cause of Encouragement to the faithful to find by the accounts brought up from our Quarterly Meetings that love and unity are generally supported amongst us, & many preserved in a conduct in a good measure consistent with our profession. — Dear Friends, great is the trust which in this day lies upon those of the foremost rank and much depends on their conduct, for if these dwell not in the life of Religion weakness & defection will prevail, & the tender seed in the youth & those who may be looking towards us, will not be nursed & encouraged as duty calls for at our hands, nor will the authority of Truth be properly preserved, & maintained amongst us, & altho the careful exercise of the discipline is our indispensable duty, & when conducted in the spirit of wisdom & meekness is a great blessing & means of preservation to the church, yet let us remember that it is an inward travail & dwelling with the suffering seed that gives authority, & enforces outward Discipline, may we therefore be animated to diligence improving time while we have it in faithfully discharging the important trust committed to us, whereby we may be enabled to be instrumental in the gathering & building up of others in Righteousness & in the end be counted worthy of an inheritance among the sanctified. —

And beloved friends let us bear in remembrance the trying season we have lately passed through wherein the minds of many have been shaken from the Love of temporal things & awakened to seek a more enduring inheritance, many of whom, we believe have thereby been mercifully brought into a near acquaintance & fellowship with the shepherd & Bishop of Souls, and should more trials of like nature be permitted to attend, let us Remember that our strength is in standing still & keeping out of all the confusions & contractions of those who are actuated by the spirit of this world; so shall we witness preservation, a conduct consistent with the purity of our profession ever bearing in mind that the King-

which our Lord & Saviour hath called us to be Followers of & will assuredly give to his faithful followers stands not in things that are transiient and perishing, but in those things that are Eternal & will be their rejoicing when this world & all the glory of it shall come to an end. — These shall we by the peaceable fruits of Righteousness evince unto those among whom we live that we desire a better country that is an Heavenly, may it therefor be the primary concern of both us and you by perfect obedience to the revealed will of our heavenly father to recommend our selves to his favour & protection that thro' all the vicissitudes of this perilous journey thro' time we may know him to be a refuge from the storm and shadow from the heat when the blast of the terrible One is as a storm against the wall. —

In brotherly affection we again salute you & remain your Friends & Brethren. —

Signed by direction & on behalf of said Meeting
by George Brown Clerk
this year

From our Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 2th of the 5th month to the 4th of the 6th month 1787 inclusive. —

To the next yearly Meeting of friends for New-England

Dear Friends

Your Epistle of the 6th month last containing a brotherly communication of the state of things amongst you has been read in this meeting & it affords satisfaction to observe your care that the gracious intension of divine Goodness in his various dispensations may not be frustrated & that all may diligently attend to the measure of light & grace communicated for their own establishment in Righteousness by which alone that good end can be effected a right Christian care exercised for supporting order in the Church, or ability received to watch & ga-

against the stratagems of an unwearied adversary to lay waste the work of Truth.

We have had a comfortable renewed experience in this meeting of the extending of divine Regard to those who are thus faithfully exercised & that weight for service to him without whom we can do nothing that will promote the cause of Truth.

Let therefore those on whom the important work of the Discipline devolves especially Elders and overseers carefully attend to their services, seek for to dwell and act under the impressions of Divine wisdom labouring privately in the first instances for the restoration of offenders before they become subjects of public censure.

We are sensible that present ease from outward sufferings tho a ease of humble thankfulness requires redoubled care & circumspection lest the mind should neglect the constant attention to the divine Gift which alone can preserve under every trial & prepare for every dispensation which may be suffered to attend.

We can with Satisfaction inform you that a more general detestation of the practice of enslaving & holding men in slavery appears to spread among people at large in this Nation which affords a comfortable hope of an abolition thereof. Our beloved Friends from your Continent John Pember William Mathews Zacharias Dick George Dilwyn Patience Brayton Rebecca Wright Rebecca Jones & Ann Jessop have attended this year by electing whose Company has been acceptable & servicable among us.

We state you in the Love and fellowship of the Gospel & remain your Friends & Brethren signed in and by order & on behalf of our aforesaid meeting by
Joseph Stors Clerk
to the meeting this year

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From our yearly Meeting of Friends held at
Rhode-Island by adjournments from the 6th of the 8th m^o to
the 13th of the same Inclusive 1787

To the Several Quarterly meetings hereto belonging
Dear Friends

We have duly received your several communicat-
ions together with answers to the Queries and our minds
have been deeply affected in observing that notwithstanding
the repeated Labours and advices that have been from time
to time communicated to you there are still remaining ma-
ny under our name whose Life is so far from being cir-
cumscribed by the truth we profess as to give way to
those things that not only unfit them for the immediate
service of and usefulness in the church but also expo-
se them to the inundations of folly and vice whereby th-
eir minds are alienated from the Principles of piety &
virtue the certain consequences of which if not reasonab-
ly reformed are everlasting confusion & ruin under these
humbling considerations we affectionately intreat you to
suffer not ~~their~~ minds to be so easily drawn aside and
up to the influence of the adversary of our immortal so-
uls but place your confidence in the arm of Divine pow-
er waiting for his ability to qualify your minds and
fit them for the reception of his Holy word which
can alone prepare the heart, for the bright impro-
vement of his Heavenly manifestations graciously ad-
ministred to every one as this is attended to with an
inward resignation to his will an increase of strength will
be witnessed and your minds will be promoted to every good
word & work. — And may you of the beloved youth whose
your minds are yet tender and susceptible of easy impress-
ions give up your hearts to follow him who hath declared that
his yoke is easy and his burden light remembering that in ear-
ly sacrifice is the most acceptable in his sight let not the
flattering allurements and delusive enjoyments of this perishing
world, which induce but for a moment, induce you to neglect the
heavenly dispensations of Divine Love, which are mercifully ex-
tended unto you but be intreated to feel after it and wait for
it that thereby you may witness a growth and advancement

in the Truth and come up in faithful obedience to the help
of the Lord against the mighty. — And may you Dear
Friends whose minds are exercised with an acceptable zeal
for the maintenance of good order in the Church, be
encouraged to dwell low and humble in your minds, getting
down to the life that ought to be attended to in the main-
-tainance of our Christian testimony; dwell in it, keep ne-
-ar to it so will the work prosper in your hands, and you
will be enabled to maintain a constant watch over the
heritage. It become more useful examples to the flock.

We have at this time felt a concern that friends
may all be preserved from those alluring and ensnai-
-ring insinuations, which under pretence of greater use-
-fulness induce some to accept of Offices and having
been fully satisfied that accepting thereof will very
much unfit for usefulness in our Religious Society we un-
-derstand all friends to be cautious how they appoint
any of our members into society services or accept
of appointments by them made, who fill such stati-
-ons in Government, of honour or profit in the
outward Government & that all be wisely submitti-
-ng to the cross in declining such stations. —

And Dear friends, as it is now a time when in the
mind of many are much unsettled and agitated with
various commotions of outward things we earnestly ex-
-hort all in religious fellowship with us to keep their
minds free from the confusions of the times, by no m-
-ans uniting in them nor give any encouragement to th-
-em by any conduct of yours, as we apprehend it wou-
-ld be very hurtful to all who should give way there-
-to, reproachful to Society & injurious to the cause of
truth; having ever in remembrance the sacred injunc-
-tion to Israel of old, that they dwell alone; herein
is our safety, and herein shall we experience that in-
-spiration which is as a hedge round about us. —

Some exercise has attended this meeting on ac-
-count of friends importing or seating in Spirituous
liquor, and the several Quarterly and Monthly M-
-eetings are desired solidly to read and attend to

the advice in the Book of Discipline page 133 on that subject, & to labour in tenderness with each of their members as do import or deal in them in order to draw them therefrom also it is advised that the two paragraphs under the head Civil Government relating to the payment of duties &c. page 16 & 17 be also read and friends be stirred up to faithfulness therein.

We observe that agreeable to our recommendation last year you have appointed Committees to visit your respective Monthly Meetings, and desire you to continue your care in that matter till the end proposed by this appointment be accomplished and that an account thereof be sent to this Meeting next year.

signed in and on behalf of said yearly meeting by William Almy Clerk this year

From our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield upper Meeting house for Rhode-Isla-
nd the 10th and 11th days of the 7th m^o 1799

To the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging
Dear Friends

We have received your several communications which have been read and considered in this Meeting as also our last yearly Meeting Epistle with an extract from the minutes of said Meeting together with Transcripts of the London Philadelphia & Long-Island Epistles, which we herewith send, they being fraught with much pertinent Epistolary communication as also particular directions we forbear to enlarge thereon desiring your attention to the advice and directions thereby communicated. — The yearly Meeting having concluded to raise £50- Wobridge Monthly Meeting is desired to forward £3:8:6 to their Treasurer as soon as may be, also £2:11 to our Treasurer for their proportion of £16:9:2 concluded to be raised for this meetings stock signed in and on behalf of said meeting
by Sylvester Weeks Clerk

From our Monthly-Meeting held at Smith-
field the 26th of the 7th mo. 1787 To the Month-
ly-Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge

Dear Friends.— After our salutation of love
we hereby inform that James Buffum hath remo-
ved to you & hath requested our Certificate these are
to certify on his account that he is a member of
our society and upon Enquiry dont find but that
he has settled his affairs.— As such we recomme-
nd him to your Christian care.— Signed in and on
behalf of our said Meeting

By George Comstock clerk

From our Monthly-Meeting of friends at Ux-
bridge y^e 28th of y^e 12th month 1787.

To the Monthly-Meeting of friends at Smithfield
Dear Friends.— The within named James Buffum
who produced the within Certificate from you to us
hath requested afew lines from us to you, these are ther-
efore to certify you that he is a member of our Mo-
n-thly-Meeting and upon enquiry it dont appear but
that his affairs ar settled among us, and as such we
Recommend him to your Christian care and oversight
Signed in and by order of our said Meeting
by James Smith Clerk

From our Yearly-Meeting held in Philadelphia
for Pennsylvania New-Jersey Delaware and the west-
ern parts of Maryland and Virginia by adjournments
from the 24th of the 9th mo. Month 1787 to the 29th of the
same inclusive

To the next yearly-Meeting of Friends to be
held on Rhode-Island for New-England
Dear Friends.— We salute you in a degree of our
heavenly Fathers Love which hath been mercifully dis-
-pused amongst us in the several settlings of this our
annual assembly to the reviving of the hearts of the
humble, enabling us to labour with much unanimity
and

and concord for the prosperity of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders. — The Epistle from your last yearly-meeting was received and read among us, and it is with much satisfaction we observe the care and attention which you mention to have given, to solicit those in authority for the suppression of the iniquitous Trade to Africa for slaves; greatly desiring, that our united endeavours for obtaining so deplorable an object may be continued, as well as that a religious concern may prevail among our Brethren in all places, for the proper instruction ^{of the offspring} of such as have been restored to their just ^{right} of freedom; and believing a benefit may arise from the continuance of our brotherly correspondence, we may inform you, that by accounts brought up from the Quarterly Meetings belonging hereto, love and unity is generally maintained among Friends, and the Discipline in a good degree supported, but it is mournful to find that deficiencies remain obvious in many of the professors of the blessed Truth, which are as spots in our Feasts, and untill they submit to the baptizing power of the great refiner. Such cannot approach him with perfect acceptance; and as we have reason to believe his will is our sanctification; let us give up our hearts, and sacrifice our all to him, for assuredly it is the heart he calls for; a form of godliness without this will do nothing for any of us. — That these considerations may so affect the minds of the lukewarm and indifferent among us. that they may arise into newness of life and usefulness in the Church; is our fervent desire. —

And Dear Friends; may such whom the Lord hath graciously called and qualified for labour in his Church, diligently keep that which he hath committed to our Trust; continuing in the things which we have learned and been assured of; knowing of whom we have learned them, ever bearing in mind, the necessity of being emptied of all ~~fleshy~~ wisdom and human contrivance, in our labours for the promotion of the cause of Truth and Righteousness: for the Faith which we have received and professed before may witness stands not in the wisdom of Men: but in the power of God.

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May it ever be the special and fervent concern of all who believe, that they be careful to maintain good works, in order that our labours for the spreading of the Gospel may not be obstructed; let us suffer the Truth to circumscribe us in our temporal concerns; that we may be drawn from seeking after great things in this world, for our selves or our children; for this hath proved a snare to many, that have ran well for a time — The nature of our holy profession, if attended to and lived in, would keep all in a state of contentment with a very small portion of the World's riches, yet labouring to provide things decent and honest in the sight of all Men; and those who were entrusted with many temporal blessings and advantages would learn to be humble, and good stewards, of the manifold mercies of God: being willing to distribute, ready to communicate, so might all ranks and stations, be laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they might lay hold on eternal Life.

The concern of many in this our large annual Assembly hath been, that we may so walk under the influence of divine wisdom, as to keep a conscience void of offence towards God and all men; maintaining that integrity, punctuality and honesty in our commerce and dealings among men, that so strongly characterized our religious society in early times; thus would our hands be strengthened to labour, both within our own borders, for the Edification one of another, and preservation of the rising youth from the Temptations that surround them, and with those who are without. many of whom in various places, the Lord hath turned to an enquiry after the footsteps of the Flock of the Companions of Christ. — In a renewed thankful sense of the manifold mercies of our Heavenly Father, who is still graciously sustaining and preserving his devoted servants, and continuing to favour with qualifications sufficient for the Labour of the Day we conclude in brotherly Love, and remain.

Your Friends & Brethren.

signed by direction and } by Caleb Carmalt (clerk
on behalf of our said Meeting) to the Meeting this year.

From our Yearly-Meeting held a Convention
for New-England by adjournments, from the
13th of the 6th mo. 1788 to the 17th of the same inclusive.
To the Quarterly-Meetings hereto belonging

Dear Friends — We have received Accounts
from the Several Quarterly-Meetings belonging hereto,
together with Answers to the Queries, and have been
sorrowfully affected in observing the many deficiencies therein
mentioned, but as advices have been frequent and
repeatedly communicated and much wholesome Counsel
is contained in the Epistles from London, Philadelphia
and Westbury on Long-Island, transcripts of which
we herewith sent we apprehend any further communications
of that sort from us to be unnecessary at this
time, fervently desiring that you may pay that attention
to them, as to be profitably instructed thereby.
For our further advice we refer you to the extracts
of this Meeting which the Clerk is directed to forward
herewith. —

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting
by W^m Rotch Jan. Clerk
to the meeting this year

The several Quarterly-Meetings are desired
to forward to our next Yearly-Meeting a list
of all their members of the select meeting

Extracts from the minutes of the yearly-Meeting
of friends held on Rhode-Island by adjournments from
the 12th of the 6th mo. to the 17th of the same inclusive 1788.

This Meeting being sorrowfully affected with the
information that divers members of the select meeting,
and meeting for sufferings have been induced to accept
of and act in appointments to station of public
office of Honour and trust Respecting outward government.

vovernment, notwithstanding the concern and advice
 of this meeting last year, and feeling a fervent
 desire for the restoration of all such to the unity
 of their Brethren, intreat them to desist and
 come out of these stations and in case any should
 disregard the advice of this meeting and the labour
 of said meeting to which they belong which is re-
 commended to be early extended It is the sense ^{of this} me-
 eting that they do not fill the places to which they were
 called or appointed in our society and ought not
 to act in any Meeting As Members in those stati-
 ons whither Ministers Elders or Members of the mee-
 ting for suffering - It having been for diverse ye-
 ars much desired by this Meeting that a different
 arrangement of our Quarterly Meetings take
 place It is now agreed that the Monthly Meetin-
 gs of Dartmouth, Acoset and Swanzy be for
 one year set off from Rhode Island and added to
 Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and it is tenderly advi-
 sed that they endeavour to unite in a brotherly Lab-
 our together for the promotion of the cause of tru-
 th that they meet and hold their Meetings at the
 time and place as heretofore except those in the 10th and
 12th mo. Which are to be held at the usual time but
 in place of the usual places, that in the 10th month is
 directed to hold at Tyngsboro, and that in the
 12th month at Bedford; that Rhode Island Quart-
 erly Meeting be held in the Spring and summer,
 as usual in the Fall at Portsmouth and in the winter
 at Providence at the usual times -

It appearing by the minutes of the Meeting for
 suffering that the Funds for the Yearly Meeting S. h-
 ool are at present through the great difficulty of col-
 lecting them inadequate to a proper continuance of said scho-
 ol it is advised that a vacation thereof take place till
 our next yearly collecting the particular time for which
 to be assigned by the Meeting for sufferings and th-
 at the several Monthly Meetings be directed by the

Quarterly Meetings to contribute in freedom towards an increase of the funds that the institution may become more generally usefull.

It appearing that notwithstanding the advice and Intreaty of this collecting in 1794 and last year divers of our Members have been so inattentive thereto as not yet to forbear the practice of importing trading in and handing-out Distilled spiritous Liquors to the weakening of their own hands and obstructing society from holding up this important Testimony as becometh our holy profession are a fresh Exercise arising that their obstruction be removed, it is recommended to Monthly Meetings that Committees be appointed to Labour with all such as may continue in either of said practices or Distilling and endeavour to prevail with them to a cordial compliance with the advice of this collecting and if any should continue so disregardful of the Unity of the body as to counteract them in this important concern, it is recommended that they be Dealt with, and if unreclaimed, Testified against as those who Disregard the advice of their brethren, And the several Monthly Meetings are Directed to have this minute inserted in their several books of Discipline under the head Spiritous Liquors.

This collecting having concluded to raise the sum of fifty pounds, Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting is Directed to forward to our treasurer twenty Eight pounds fifteen shillings their proportion thereof.

Extracted from the minutes and composed by
W^m Scoatch jun^r. Clerk
this year

This collecting having received information from the collecting for sufferings at New-York that they are about reprinting the treatise of Joseph Phillips on the original & present state of man. It was at this meeting having thought proper to encourage the same, and that a number of them might be usefully taken by Friends of this yearly meeting.

do in order that Friends may have an opportunity of supplying themselves therewith. hereby inform the several Monthly Meetings thereof and desire them seasonably to send the number they respectively subscribe for with the money for the same to Moses Brown the price being £/5 Lawful money Extracted from the minutes of a collecting for sufferings held at Ponto mouth the 11th day of the 6th mo. 1789 by W^m & Thos. Clark for this time

This collecting receiving information that Friends at Philadelphia are about reprinting Robert Barclays Catechism and apprehending that they are much wanted within the verge of this yearly collecting Moses Brown is desired to write to Philadelphia for five hundred of them, and the several Monthly Meetings are hereby notified thereof in order that they may subscribe for as many as they may be free to take, and send an account thereof to this Meeting as soon as they conveniently can with the money for the same, the price being one shilling & four pence Lawful money.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting for suffering held at New-port the 18th day of the 6th mo 1789 by William & Thos. Clark for this time

From our Yearly Meeting held at Westbury by adjournments from the 24th of the 5th mo. to the 24th of the same inclusive. 1790.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in Newport on Rhode Island.

Dear Friends

Under a thankful sense of the renewed Intercessions of our heavenly Father regard mercifully Vouchsafe to us in this our annual assembly do we salute you and hereby inform you that ^{your} acceptable Epistle of sixth month last came to hand the contents whereof are comfortable.

ble and edifying, and we are made sensible with you that nothing short of the arisring and animating influence of the fear of life is sufficient to qualify for usefulness in the Church, and we have no doubt that as we humbly wait for, and seek after, this divine help we shall in due time witness it to our own support and to the faithful discharge of our religious duty to the Honour of the great name, and advancement of his cause of truth amongst men.

The weighty affairs which came before us have been transacted in brotherly love & harmony and in the course of our deliberations, our minds have been deeply impressed with a concern, that an increased care & solicitude may be witnessed to guard against the prevalency of a worldly spirit which as it gains in ascendancy leads into earthly mindness and a too eager pursuit after the perishing things of this life which has captivated and drawn the mind of some into trade & business beyond their ability to manage whereby the truth we profess has been wholly broken off, and deeply affected the reputation which the early care of our pious predecessors acquired through the religious attention to their engagements.

And dear Friends notwithstanding the many deficiencies amongst us, we have cause to be humbly thankful that a good degree of Love & unity is preserved and a remnant livingly concerned for the restoration of primitive purity and that Zion may again shine in her antient Beauty, may we therefore dwell near the pure principle of Life and Grace that we may be favoured to witness an increase of spiritual strength faithfully to Labour for the promotion of Truth & Righteousness on earth.

We again salute you in the language of brotherly love hoping that grace and truth may more abundantly influence our hearts and bid you farewell. — signed by direction & on behalf of the yearly Meeting by George Towne Clerk to the meeting this year

To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge
 Dear Friends we may inform you that Nathaniel Walker a member of our meeting requested our Certificate signifying his cleanness to proceed in marriage with Martha Aldrich Daughter of Stephen a member of your meeting they may certify on his behalf that he produced consent of parents and we think the necessary inquiry has been made, find nothing to hinder his proceeding therein. — From our Monthly Meeting held at Providence the 25th of the 1st mo. 1789. — Signed in and on behalf of our Meeting. — by Thomas Stone Clerk

At the Next Monthly Meeting held 16 of 1st mo. 1789. — We are informed that Edward Southwick expects to reside some time within the verge of Uxbridge M^o. Meeting this desirous of a few lines for that purpose therefore friends there may be informed that he is a member of this meeting & the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute. —
 Extracted from the minutes
 Tiddeman Hull jr. Clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Southfield for Providence the 25th of the 2nd mo. 1789 to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. Dear Friends. Our Friend Joshua Congdon informs us, that he was about to remove within the verge of your monthly meeting, and requested our certificate therefore these are to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting, and a pretty constant attender thereof, his life and conversation being in a good degree orderly, and upon enquiry find that he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and clear of marriage engagements amongst us, as such we receive

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recommend him to your Christian care and oversight
desiring his growth and preparation in the truth.
Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by
Thomas Lincoln clerk.

From our monthly meeting of friends held at the
bridge the first Day of the 7th m^o. for the 6th 1785.
To the monthly meeting of friends at Providence.
Dear friends—this may certify that David Ken-
net hath gone from us to reside within the verge
of your monthly meeting a few months and is a me-
mber of our society as such we recommend him to
your brotherly care & oversight—signed in and on be-
half of said meeting.
By Elisha Lincoln clerk

The within certificate being presented to, and lodged
in our meeting a committee was appointed to visit
the person (David Kenet) therein named, he not ap-
pearing as a friend or much attend our meetings, yet he
being under our notice, while he returns to you we heart-
ly inform that we understand he was not in the prac-
tice of using the plain language and associating with
unprofitable company. — Signed in and on behalf
of the monthly meeting of Providence the 2^d of
the 11th m^o. 1785
Thomas Lapham
To the monthly meeting
at Newbridge.

Proposals for reprinting by subscription an
approved second edition of the Old Chinese Testam-
ent with the etymology and marginal notes in a qu-
arto Volume being submitted to the consideration of the
meeting by the Printer Isaac Collins of Trenton
we are to appearing upon weighty consider that su-
ch an undertaking is highly interesting to the peo-
ple

ple of this country: and, if duly evaluated, will prove of great advantage; it also appearing that our friends of the meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia, with many others have approved and Encouraged the said Printer as a suitable person for the said undertaking; this meeting being desirous as far as lies with us to encourage so useful a Work, do unitedly recommend it to the monthly meetings within this yearly meeting, to appoint suitable persons to promote & Receive Subscriptions agreeable to the tenor of said proposals, and to forward the same to this meeting as soon as may be, in order to be forwarded to the said printer. — And the Clerk is desired to forward him a copy of this minute to be distributed with the proposals. —

Extracted from the minutes of a meeting for Sufferings held at East-Greenwich for New England the 6th of the 4th moth 1789.

Thomas Erskine Clerk

From our Yearly-collecting at Providence held at Newport on Rhode-Island for New-England by adjournments from the 11th of 8th moth to the 16th of the same inclusive 1789.

To the Quarterly-collectings hereto belonging. —

Dear Friends — We have duly received your several communications, and attended to the state of Society as exhibited by your answers to the Queries: with a solicitous concern for your advancement proceed to offer a few remarks to which we desire your serious attention. — The formation of Religious Society being principally designed, firstly to bear a publick Testimony for God and his Truth in such manner as we are convinced of the same, secondly to be mutually helpful in the promoting of one another in an holy constant calling. The deficiencies manifested by your answers to the Queries in these particulars hath been afflicting to our minds especially respecting the unprecedented manner in which you have transmitted an account of the
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attendance of your meetings. — That Friends in this day of light wherein we have liberty to attend to our respective religious concerns unmolested, should be so inattentive to a principle upon which the being of us as a people appears to have essentially commenced at a time when faithfulness to its dictates was attended with sufferings unto death, manifests a declension which, as it confers reproach upon the individuals who are the objects of complaint, calls aloud for the Interposition of Society to put a stop to a conduct which if persisted in will terminate in its dissolution. — Oh Friends that a People whose ancestors accounted nothing near or dear when it came in competition with their religious Testimonies and who profess themselves bound by divine conviction faithfully to maintain the same, should so fragrantly swerve aside from the line of their duty, trampling upon the sufferings of those who have gone before them, cannot but be offensive to that God who hath so signally manifested himself for their help.

The administering of Society Labour being a matter of much consequence and perceiving that this essential service of the Church is not always sensibly administered — we are concerned to advise the Quarterly and monthly meetings to take due care in this respect not suffering deviations to remain unnoticed until they become offences which demand the attention of the overseer, but that Friends be careful to guard against every appearance of evil timely, cautioning the inexperienced, and ^{and unwary} encouraging all in a conduct conformable to our Holy profession to which purpose we desire that suitable Friends may be appointed or reappointed in the several quarterly meetings as may may open to exercise a godly care on behalf of Society in these respects agreeably to Discipline.

We also further desire that as we above all the Families of the Earth profess to believe in, and

frequently export to an inward retirement in order to be acquainted with the divine will, that we be careful to be found in the practice of the same not only when assembled in our public collective capacities but when at home in our Families. — The right education of our youth being a subject of concernment to this meeting, and feeling desirous that they may be brought up in the culture and admonition of the Lord, we tenderly advise that parents, and these to whose care the education of youth is committed be vigilant and careful in the discharge of a trust so important.

"Train up a child says the wise man in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" — a great means of the present defection in the youth of our Religious Society we believe is the want of an early care being extended to them, we therefore fervently export that early endeavour be extended to educate our children in an early learning manner, teaching them obedience to their parents, and a respectful demeanour when before their Elders and superiors, which would have a tendency to initiate them into that stillness and reverent attention in the attendance of our Religious meetings, which our principles inculcates as that which the nature of divine worship requires. —

And we recommend that the advice contained in our Book of Discipline under the head Children & Parents & Guardians be read in each Monthly and preparative meeting, and it is tenderly advised that Friends be renewedly engaged to labour after the necessary qualification to discharge the duties therein recommended. — This Meeting having concluded to raise fifty pounds Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting is requested to forward to our Treasurers twenty one pounds seven shillings & seven pence their proportion thereof. — Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting by Wm. Ketchum Clerk to the meeting this year

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(1787)
From our Yearly Meeting held in London by
adjournments from the 1st of the 8th mo. 1783 to the
4th of the same inclusive to the Yearly meeting of
Friends for New-England.

Dear Friends

Being met in this our annual Assem-
-bly for the promotion of Truth and Righteous-
-ness and feeling our minds again favoured with
the fresh Enlivenings of the Father's love manifested
to us therein we are engaged affectionately to salu-
-te you. — Your Epistle dated 8th mo. 1783 ha-
-th been received and read in this Meeting con-
-taining the satisfactory information that harmony
and Concord are generally maintained and that the
weighty affairs continue to be transacted in a
spirit of Concord and Union.

And dear friends we earnestly entreat that
in all your meetings for transacting the weighty
affairs of Church you may be watchful over your
own spirits and wait Deeply for that wisdom wh-
-ich came from above which alone qualifies and
enables to be rightly exercised therein for the mutual
help and Edification of the body and building one o-
-another up in our most holy faith. it hath also oc-
-casioned of humble thankfulness to find that not-
-withstanding the backsliding and revolting of so
many from the footsteps of pious predecessors
yet the day of the Lord's merciful visitation conti-
-nues to be extended and that a number especially
of the youth have been happily prevailed upon
not to despise the day of small things — but by
zealous obedience thereto are likely to be found
successors in Religious service to the faithful who
are gathered from works to reward; on the account
of such we feel a living exercise that they may con-
-tinue to experience a growth in the Truth and be
concerned to abide under its humbling operation as
the means of being preserved alive therein and receiv-
-ing from Christ the true and living vine that our

ishment which make fruitfull branches being pre-
 -sented that as those submit to his power it will sa-
 -tisfy and make upfull in the Lord's Church and fa-
 -mily for the increase of the number of those among
 you, a Spirit is raised on our spirits. - it Concern
 hath also arisen on our minds - that parents and
 heads of families may in an equal manner look
 well to their stations and to those committed to their
 care that nothing may be wanting on their parts to
 prepare them in some way and simplicity amidst
 the various temptation Incident to youth - I do note
 with satisfaction your remarks respecting the Affi-
 -davit and the proceedings made amongst you for their
 relief and may Inform you that the afflicted state
 of this people becomes more and more altered to an-
 -improve the inhabitants of this land and that greater ex-
 -ertions are used by persons in power as well as others
 for the abolition of the practice of enslaving they
 people they have hitherto been, and the subject is
 now before the parliament - I do again salute
 you in gospel love and remain your friends and
 brethren - Signed in and on behalf of the
 collecting by John Eliot - sent
 Having solemnly considered the several proposi-
 -tions respecting the holding the Yearly Collecting
 at a given time in future and not as now at a
 variable one it is agreed that the same commences
 on the 1st of next proceeding the third first
 Friday the 1st of each year untilt otherwise
 ordered

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfi-
 -eld the 9th and 10th days of y^e m^o 1773
 As the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging
 Dear Friends - I have received accounts from
 all the monthly meetings with reference to the Pre-
 -siding in which we have met many differences a particular
 as repetition whereof without sentence engagement be-
 -ing raised in the several Monthly Meetings pre-
 -siding

men ment we fear does but increase lukewarmness in
insensibility. We have the same ^{same} projects of our
last yearly Meeting Epistle and the advice there-
in contained we entreat your serious attention.

Given in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meet-
ing aforesaid — by Benjamin Bradburn Secy.

All our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Cambridge the 21st of the 1st mo. 1783 —

Alfred Smith a member of our Meeting in-
forming by writing that he has set out with the
consent of some Friends to accompany our Friend
John Finson in his religious Visit in New England
to go as far as the Eastern parts of our yearly
meeting and desires a pen-line by way of certi-
ficate this Meeting approves thereof and the Clerk
is directed to send him a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of said Meeting
By Richard Mowery Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting for Pennsil-
vania & New Jersey held in Philadelphia by
adjournments from 24th of 9th month to the 1st of 10th
inclusive 1783 — To the next Yearly Meeting
of Friends in Rhode Island & Maine.

We have thankfully to
acknowledge the gracious extending of divine regar-
d & reverence to us in the several sittings of this meet-
ing whereby we have been enabled to transact
the weighty and important business which hath
come before us with brotherly concord and har-
mony and although it appears by the Reports brought
up this year from the several Quarters that there
are many instances of weakness among us yet such
is the condescending goodness of our heavenly Father
that he still continues to overtop our annual as-
sembling with his life giving presence whereby many

our hearts have been comforted and refreshed by
 them. And dear friends as we cannot without the as-
 sistance of his holy spirit do any thing that will
 lead to his glory or ^{the} advancement of Truth and Right-
 eousness on Earth let us therefore be engaged from
 season to season to wait upon him for a renewed
 qualification for every religious duty whereby we may
 be enabled to minister to the states and conditions
 of all our members and edify one another and as
 there are many who are scattered in remote places
 we have a fervent wish that these may claim the
 more immediate and special attention of their bre-
 thren. — Your acceptable Epistle of the sixth
 month last being received, was read in this meet-
 ing to satisfaction and we have to inform you
 that in considering the state of our religious Society
 the important subject of a right education of our
 youth hath again been brought into view, several
 recommendations formerly made by this meeting re-
 vised and some pertinent observations made tending
 to excite to a more lively and diligent attention to
 the cultivation of the minds of rising generation and
 it is with satisfaction we have to observe there
 is an encouraging concern among us as well as with
 you to discourage the use of spirituous liquors.

We have to lament that many in this land
 who have been favoured in an especial manner with
 opportunities of becoming acquainted with the benevo-
 lent precepts of the Gospel still remain strangers
 to the humane and tender impressions which it won-
 -d to excite and retain their fellow men in bonda-
 -ge and encourage the shameful commerce under pro-
 -tections of Law and some in violation of all Law
 humane and divine which hath afflicted our mind is to
 a tender sympathy for their situation and induces
 us at this time to renew our application to the gene-
 -ral Congress in their favour in order that the
 subject may be brought weightily before them
 and the just right of this oppressed people
 be established.

placed in an equal balance. — And on consideration of the revolution which has taken place in the Government of this country, our minds being impressed with a sense that they who are in power may be attentive to the promotion of virtue and be lavacious with best wisdom in the exercise of authority. — We have with much unity agreed to address the president on his accession to the important station which he fills, a copy of which is herewith sent. — In the following page of the Gospel we remain your loving Friends
Signed by order and in behalf of the meeting
by a Bishop's Stated Clerk
to the meeting this year.

From our yearly meeting held at 25 February on Long Island by adjournments from the twenty ninth of the fifth month you therefore have pursued nearly to the time of sixth month inclusive. — To the next yearly meeting of friends to be held on Rhode Island for New-England.

Dear Friends. — We are renewedly led to acknowledge the divine goodness in permitting us again to meet in this our annual Assembly which thro' the condescension of heavenly Father hath been favoured with an evidence of His presence from whence proceedeth Life under the ruling influence of His Spirit. The weighty concerns and solemn duties we were united in brotherly love in discussing. — In the course of our deliberations a remnant have been stirred into a feeling sympathy of the state of the Church, to have to lament the continuance of those defilements which not only impede the work of reformation amongst us, but prove a camp of stumbling in the way to some whose minds are turned toward us. — May we feel our hearts truly awakened, & an ardent solicitation of soul with regard that an increased circum-

our profession of life, & conforming with the purity of
 our professions, may more sensibly abound, that so
 the excellency & beauty of the truth may shine with
 brightness in the lives of its professors. — And
 dear friends, it is with satisfaction we may ob-
 serve among other branches of our Christian be-
 lieving, the concern of this meeting, touching the
 commerce in that unnecessary use of distilled spi-
 rits, gains ground amongst us, inasmuch that we
 hope, a further labour will shortly induce the few
 who still continue to trade therein, to relinquish
 a practice evidently hurtful to our fellow men. —
 And with regard to the commerce in, & slavery of
 the African race, Friends continue to pay at-
 tention to that important subject, having lately
 used the medium of the meeting for, sufferings,
 addressed the general Congress, and Legislature
 of this State, relative in a more special manner
 to this iniquitous traffick. — The subject
 of the Religious education of the rising generation
 having engaged the serious attention of this As-
 -sisting, a concern was renewedly witnessed on their
 accounts, not only that they may be brought
 forward in the useful parts of literary improve-
 ments, but that every effort may be used to in-
 -culcate on their tender minds the fundamental pr-
 -inciples of our professions. — And that Friends
 be encouraged to provide religious instruction by a
 liberal exertion in affording them a compensation ade-
 -quate to their services & abilities. — Your accept-
 -able Epistle of last year came duly to hand, & was
 read in this collecting to our satisfaction. —

We are with the salutation of love your friends
 and brethren. — Signed on behalf and by di-
 -rection of the collecting, by James West Clerk
 to the collecting this year

From our Yearly-Collecting of Friends held at
a Temperance Convention from the 1st of the 1st to the 1st of the same inclusive 1790.

In the Quarterly-Collectings held belonging
to the Friends. — We have again been
made three: the kindness of Divine Providence to meet
together in this our annual assembly and upon
viewing a Representation of the state of Society as
exhibited by your accounts and observations to the
divine which came duly to hand have been ^{into} ^{life} ^{into} ^{life}
and solid consideration thereof, and under a sense
of the prevalence of weakness & inattention &
conspicuously apparent many sinners have been
duly affected. — It is in vain for any
to suppose that a predilection in the belief of
in the divine and saving truth without seeing un-
der its influence and being subject to its govern-
ment will enable them to combat with success
or enable them to divine acceptance. — It is
vain for any to suppose that God will be willing
that he will vouchsafe the Revelation of his mind
and will concerning them and yet look down with
indifference upon their sayings, in the Discharge
their religious and relative duties the neglect of
in the due attendance of meetings for Divine
worship and the want of a proper sense of the Re-
verence and solemnity which ought to accompany the
mind in the Discharge of a duty so important in
some that do attend. Influenced by their irrever-
ent and indecent habit of sleeping when assem-
bled among other particulars have been subjects
of concernment to this meeting. — It is there-
fore recommended that faithful friends in their
Respective meetings endeavour to have a helping
hand to these and discharge themselves faithfully
for their recovery both individuals and Synods
of Society. — The Right Education
of our youth hath also again ^{duly} ^{drawn} the
attention of this Convention and under an Ap-
prehension

protection of a great compass in some to whom
 and this extensive and important trust is com-
 mitted we feel our minds engaged presently to
 exhort that such whether parents or others ap-
 ply consider the Importance of the subject and
 its interesting concernment to all and labour
 with unremitting Diligence for suitable Qualifica-
 tions to discharge their duty to the benefit of the
 youth, and their own reputation and justifica-
 tion when a solemn Inquisition shall be made and
 we greatly desire that Quarterly & monthly me-
 tings may have a watchful care over their me-
 mbers in this respect and if there are any who
 are unable to give their children such school de-
 siring as may be necessary to fit them for busi-
 ness that they be liberal in their endeavours
 to have the same suitably affected at the expen-
 se of society. — The situation of the poor
 distressed Africans who continue to be the unfor-
 tunate subjects of a barbarous Commerce propa-
 gated by cruel and avaricious men have been rever-
 ently the objects of our deep felt sympathy and
 concern, and engaged us to recommend, that Friends
 continue their attention to this subject, in
 such manner as may be most likely to put a
 period to their sufferings, and thereby remove
 the guilt of this complicated Iniquity from the
 land; not letting the exertions of others (tho' it
 is cause of thankfulness that there are a graduat-
 ed series of other Denominations to plead their
 cause) produce any Relaxation on our part, but rat-
 ther animate and encourage us to persevere, and avail us-
 selves of every opportunity as may may open to promote
 the relief of this deeply afflicted part of the humane
 race, whose sufferings we firmly believe as noticed
 are also now have entered into the ears of the
 Lord the Sabbath. — The inexplicit manner in
 which some of the Series are expressed hath also been
 noticed,

notice and Quarterly, and monthly collections are de-
 sired to be more exact in this respect, and that
 Endeavour be also that the state of every Depen-
 dency of Friends, be contained in the returns, and
 in the Queries is composed of divers particulars, that
 a Regard to each be particularly observed, and in case
 of Difficulties, that the part in which the Difficulty
 is, be explicitly mentioned. — And dear Friends
 as Truth is profitable to direct in all things, we in-
 veigh you, scrupulously labour to be circumspect within
 the limits of its Discipline, even in your temporal
 concerns for there is no real safety, but in following
 its Dictates, and in going only as it leadeth, for
 want of due attention to this divine principle, many
 have sinned away, and continuing day after day of this sort
 of Direction, have brought condemnation upon them-
 selves, and Disregulations upon our Society. In
 particular, we exhort those who are concerned in Com-
 munes, to be upright in their Entries, and particu-
 lar in the payment of Tithes, that so the punish-
 ment (consequences attendant on an ill Conduct
 may not be charge^d upon a people, but that
 our regard to Government in part witnessed by us
 Faithfuls in this respect, may be perfectly irre-
 vokable. — The subject of the yearly meeting se-
 sion coming under consideration, and feeling Desi-
 res that the benevolent object of its Institution may
 in due time be happily experienced, which a pro-
 spect for want of sufficient Time is entirely in-
 capable, recommend to such who feel their minds
 disposed to contribute in freedom for this purpose
 to offer their assistance that the labours hitherto
 heretofore bestowed upon this object, be not wholly
 left for want of suitable aid by its failure, occa-
 sioning Reproach to Society, & thereby increase the
 Burthen & Conviction of many honestly disposed Fri-
 ends among us. — Whilst this subject occupa-
 ies our minds dear Friends, we cannot omit men-
 tioning

mentioning a Concern that for the increase of Christian education throughout our yearly meeting has spread among us that Schools in the verge of monthly meetings & neighbourhoods of Friends where the Inspection of committees agreeable to our Discipline may experience a more liberal promotion. Let us be invited to this necessary exertion by our tender offspring, not only by the relation we bear them and love we have for them but by the examples of other societies that we do not a high Profession may not seem negligent in inculcating useful Learning with a good Education, as an aid to morality & virtue, & which hath often been found to be a guard to both.

signed on behalf of our said collecting

Wm. Hatch junr

Clerk to the meeting in year

It appearing by the acct. from the several meetings that there are some deficiencies in each which having taken the highly attention of this meeting & after some consideration it appears best to recommend by way of minute to each meeting a Renewing Care and Labour for the removal of these things which appear to be out of the line of Truth and Evidently contrary to our Discipline that an Harmonious Labour be entered into in each meeting for the removal of that Love which as it is above in will draw our members to a Diligent and faithful attendance of all our Religious meetings and where any meetings have become so weak as not to be kept up to the Honour of Truth and our Holy Profession the next meeting be renewedly engaged to look after a right Judgment whether such a meeting or meetings has best be discontinued or united to Neighbouring Meetings. and where some Friends in Kingston and Swazey collect meetings are particularly

particularly desired to take under consideration the state of Western Weymouth and Portland Meetings and act therein for their revival or Discontinuation as Truth may enable or in case the further advice of this Meeting should be thought necessary the Seasonably apply for the same and the clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Minute to each of the Meetings.

Copy Extracted from the minutes of
R. W. Weymouth Meeting held at Portland
12th of 11th mo 1790 by Henry's Secretary

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends at
West Weymouth 12th of 11th mo 1790. —

Whereas William Dwy (who by Birth hath
no right of membership in our religious so-
ciety) for want of humble obedience to the
exhortation of Truth in his own mind hath
widely deviated from the maintenance of our pr-
inciples in many respects, in particular hath
been very negligent in the attendance of religi-
ous meetings, frequently wishing to excuse
and hath conducted very dishonourable towards
one of his neighbours respecting a piece of land
he purchased of another, for all which his
mistress he has been much labour'd with and long
bail'd on by his friends, but not finding the
desired satisfaction have disown'd unity with him
as a member until he shall become sensible
of his errors and be able to make satisfaction
to his friends which we desire he may.

Signed in and by order of our above said meet-
ings. — by James Smith Clerk.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at
Weymouth. Dear Friends
Our

Our Friend Stephen Druffton attended
our Monthly Meeting in Sept & Oct with a
copy of a circular from your Monthly Meeting
dated y^e 16 of y^e 12 m^o 1790 which company
and happy labours were veritable to us, after
which he attended several of the particular Me-
etings belonging to this Meeting and visited
many families within the verge of our said
Meeting in which he spent most of his time
until the Monthly Meeting in the second
month which he also attended all which were
to our satisfaction and edification. —
Signed in and by order of our Monthly Meet-
ing held at the bridge the 1st Day of Sept^r 1791
for the 3rd m^o 1791 by James Smith Clerk

From our yearly collecting held on Mon-
day by adjournments from the 3rd of the C^o m^o
to the 1st of the same inclusive 1791

To the several Quarterly Meetings. —
Beloved Brethren, —

In a degree of our heavenly Father's
love to us at this time affectionately salute you
and inform that we have received from the several
Quarters accounts & offerings to the Quories the solici-
tude of which in this our large assembly hath
administered comfort and satisfaction in the hope
that there is a remnant in each Monthly Meet-
ing who are preserved in some measure in a love
for the propriety of truth & the Increase of sig-
nificance notwithstanding the many personful def-
iciencies exhibited by the answers to the Quories
which hath from time to time & particularly last year
been sent from this Meeting touching the almost
total deficiencies of its branches but what can pro-
pitiety or ordinate desires for a Renewal of heart
& spirit without there is a closing in in earnest with
that divine principle of light & life which we hold
all

all sufficient to preserve us spotless here and secure
 happiness to us hereafter if but adhered to with
 resolution of mind. That we are at times through
 Infinite mercy & goodness favoured to see, is our
 incumbent duty and having been in the course of
 this affecting & eminently impressive with a belief
 that a frequent inward Retirement of mind wo-
 uld greatly contribute towards a reformation
 among us we are concerned to recommend to pare-
 nts and heads of families an attentive observance
 of the many communications upon this subject & in
 a particular manner the subject of the third
 Query the latter part of which we have great
 cause to fear has fallen almost into neglect
 among the families of our Religious Society
 we intreat you dear friends as you treasure the
 welfare of yourselves your Children & the great
 cause of truth to endeavour to receive the practi-
 ce of Conveining your families & entering in
 humbly its abasement of mind before the dread
 of nations a practice inculcated by most of
 the writings of our pious predecessors in which
 we have no doubt was abundantly promotive
 of their being the Shining Examples of their day
 & age we intreat you to pay due attention to the
 subject we have Endeavoured to impress. We are
 that those seasons of Retirement may be various
 as Extensively useful as may be we enjoin it up-
 on families deficient in books adapted to the pro-
 motion of piety & virtue among them at times be-
 usefully read in those seasons to provide such as
 are most conducive to these and let a faithf-
 ul inquiry and inspection take place in month-
 ly meetings into the wants of their members ho-
 neir as well as useful school books and where the
 circumstances of families are incompetent to a sui-
 table supply that monthly meetings take pro-
 per care to supply them therewith and should
 it

it so happen that any Monthly Meetings where such Books are wanting may not be able to supply the wants without the expense of them being too sensibly felt they are desirous to say the same before the collecting for sufferings for their aid and assistance to be furnished out of this Meetings stock.

We have been personally affected with the information that through inattention to our Protrative duties there hath of late been several instances of friends children being placed out to persons not well professed with us, we feel our minds engaged to revive in your remembrance the importance of an early care to impress upon the mind of our tender offspring the necessity of a diligent attention to that inspiring word of Truth which is revealed in the heart even in the days of youth which would preserve them in a blameless life of piety and virtue such to their comfort here and happiness hereafter how can this be expected when they are placed under the care of those who are not attentive to this inward principle which is the ground of our profession, we tenderly caution our dear Monthly Meetings to take special care in this respect particularly to see that the children of the poor are accommodated not only with learning to fit them for business but also with Trades or other suitable employments whereby they may be in a capacity to contribute to their own necessities and we further enjoin upon all Monthly Meetings & Class Meetings into the circumstances of that class of our brethren our sisters where necessities in the course of wants ought to make them the objects of our particular care for which we recommend the appointment of a sufficient number of overseers of the poor both men & women to visit all those whose circumstances are lowly and to administer Seasonable and brotherly assistance where ever it may appear necessary and we earnestly recommend to all those who in the course of Providence

are blessed with the comforts of life to consider the
 stewardship committed to their charge and of their
 plenty to administer benevolently to those in want that
 so our Christian duty may be discharged and this bene-
 volent practice continue to increase the reputation of
 our Society, and Dear Friends are in order that decency
 and purity may be preserved among all ranks of our
 Society we properly advise all you that are parents and
 heads of families to have a special care over your children
 and those under your care in regard to company keep-
 ing by no means suffer young men, and young women,
 to accompany together, by way of courtship without
 being well apprised of their serious intentions in regard
 to marriage nor without your consent and that when
 they have manifested such serious intention, and obtained
 the necessary consent in order to company keeping
 you fail not to exercise that upright & fatherly
 will which Truth will ever to the truly mat-
 rnal & careful parent and guardian, and which as you
 dwell rightly in it we trust will enable you intire-
 ly to disallow and prevent such young persons from
 accompanying together after you are retired to your
 beds see to it we beseech you Brethren and Sisters,
 it is a trust that belongs to you and for the faith-
 ful discharge thereof, you must be accountable let
 the youth have proper time and opportunity rather
 by day than by night for the necessary conversati-
 on upon the weighty and honourable subject of ma-
 rriage but never give way, nor to allow or suffer
 them in the indecent and dangerous practice of sit-
 ting up together after the heads of the family are
 gone to bed much less to go to bed together them-
 selves which to our great sorrow we have grounds to be-
 lieve some of the dear youth of our Society have fal-
 len into the shameful practice of, and Oh! that
 none of the painful consequences of such wanton-
 ness may ever be justly chargeable to the neglect of
 Parents and Heads of families which yet we have
 cause to fear in regard to some past instances

is too much the case and in order as fully as may be, to prevent all such undue liberties and the dreadful fruits resulting therefrom it is the sense and advice of this meeting that if any member among us is found guilty of this sin of fornication the Monthly Meeting forthwith proceed to manifest their disapprobation and abhorrence of such conduct by testifying to the world that such person is no longer a member of our religious society thus voting away as far as may be the reproach from Israel, and it is further advised that where any parents or heads of families continue to allow or connive at their children keeping company in either of the aforementioned disreputable ways the Monthly Meeting proceed to deal with them as disorderly walkers and if they dissent not from such allowance or connivance that they be testified against as persons no longer belonging to our religious society and dear young people we deeply intreat it of you for your own souls sakes and for the reputation of truth ever steadily to guard against and refrain from all such dangerous and unbefitting practices

Signed on behalf of said Meeting

By Wm Hatch junr Clerk
to the meeting this year

In the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held at Haverhill in y^e 1st moth 1791

Excellent Friends, through inattention to the spirit of Truth in my heart, I went into many wrong things particularly in going to an ordination, and there sinfully trafficking with my fellows and using profane language, and going to places where there was frolicking as dancing and joining with them therein, and also deviated from the simplicity of plainness of speech and apparel, and when laboured with by my friends I disregarded their advice, for which of my misconduct I begitted my right in your testimonies

Religious Society, for which of my misconduct I have been
 pained of late to look over and I may say it hath an-
 guished my heart, and now, I desire the Lord to for-
 give my sins and favour me with strength to live a life
 agreeable to truth and new Testaments. I desire you to pa-
 ss by my mispent and receive me again into your so-
 ciety, whose care I sincerely desire, from your Friend
 Samuel A. Henshaw

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Uxbridge 25th of 4th mo 1791.

George A. Henshaw, son of Benjamin who hath
 been a member of our society, instead of growing
 up, leaving to, and living in the liberty which is
 in the Truth, he has gone into and chosen that lib-
 erty which is in the friendship of this world which
 is enmity with god, in which situation of mind he
 hath conducted in a manner inconsistent with our prin-
 ciples and practices in many respects; he is very
 slack in the attendance of our meetings, associates
 with vain and unprofitable company, declines from
 plainness of speech and habit, and sometimes uses
 profane language; for all which his friends have la-
 boured with him from time to time and long waited
 on him with desires for his return without the ap-
 pearance of effect; these are to acquaint the publick that
 we have put him from under our care as a member
 until he shall return from the evil of his ways
 and make satisfaction to his friends which we expect
 he may. — Signed in and by order of our said Meeting
 By Elisha Arnold Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends
 at Uxbridge to the Monthly Meeting of Fri-
 ends at Smithfield: Dear Friends; the follow-
 ing is a list of the members taken from Uxbridge
 to Smithfield Monthly Meeting by the late
 Evang-

arrangement of the lines between the Monthly meetings, viz; Thomas Owen, Benjamin Batten & his wife Mary, Sarah Joseph and Mary Batten - Bathsheba Wilcox & her Daughters Phoebe & Mary - James Smith & his children Rufus, Jonah, Rhoda, Warner, Job & Drusilla - Joseph (Hazen) Jeremiah Ballard, Joseph Batty & wife Mary & child David - Duty Lapham son of Solomon - We conclude and remain your Friends, Brethren and Sisters.

signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting the 22nd of 1798 By Elisha Arnold Clerk
Lydia Wilbur clerk

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Wob-
ridge y^e 22th of 1798. —

My dear Friends — I have with sorrow to inform you; that some time past being assaulted by a man who came to me where I was at work, I gave way to anger and thro' the force of sudden temptation struck him with my add: for which I was immediately condemned in my own mind and was fully sensible that I had done that which was wrong, & am sorry for my transgression — and I give promise to pass by my misconduct and still continue under your watchfull care and I hope I shall conduct more agreeable to truth in future. —

John Southwick jr.

P. S. I am free to acknowledge that at an opportunity my friends had with me on account of my within mentioned misconduct that not being properly on my guard treated them rather in an evasive and unfriendly manner which I now am willing to condemn, and desire you my friends to pass it up and hope to be more careful in future and am your Friend

John Southwick jr.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge 9th of 1st mo. 1791.

Whereas, Javory Thing hath had a right of membership in our religious society but it appears to us that he hath the ways of error more than the ways of true religion by his deviating from the principles we profess in neglecting the steady attendance of our religious meetings & not keeping to plainness and is keeping company with a young woman that is not a member of our society and being laboured with by his friends in order to make him sensible of his state and the necessity of living a religious life but he seemed to be set in his ways and giving no encouragement for amendment wherefore we have expelled him as a member until he shall return and manifest a disposition of living a life more consistent with truth which we desire may be his happy case.

Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting

By Joseph Thove clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge 9th of 1st mo. 1791.

Whereas William Buffum Son of Jedediah of Richmond hath had a right of membership in our Religious Society but has deviated from the principles which we profess in several respects - particularly in slack in attending our Religious Meetings, hath not kept to plainness, is not careful to avoid unprofitable company, places of merriment and dancing, and has been keeping company with and has married a woman not of our society, - for all which Deviations of his we have laboured with him in order to bring him to a sense of his outgoings, but all without the desired effect, therefore these are to testify that we have put him from under our care as a member, but still desire that he may yet be concerned and enabled to make good satisfaction for his

his outgoings. —

Signed in and by order of said Meeting
By Elipha Arnold clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge 24th of 4th mo 1792. —

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at
the Creek in Ohio Partners. —

Edward Southwick a member of our Meeting
informed us that he was about to remove from us
to your Meeting; and requested our Certificate.
We are to certify that on inquiry it appears
he hath settled his affairs and is clear of mar-
riage engagements, he is measureably of an order-
ly life and conversation and a considerable steady
attender of meetings, as such we recommend him to
your Christian care and oversight with Desires
for his growth in the truth. —

Signed in and by order of our above said Meeting
By Josiah Shove Clerk for the
day

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the
14th of 4th mo 1792. —

Wences Abraham Wheeler hath had a right of mem-
bership in our religious society but he not keeping
to the manifestations of truth in his own mind, hath de-
viated from the principles which we profess, particular-
ly in neglecting the due attendance of our religious me-
etings, and hath married a Woman not of our soci-
ety, for which deviations of his he hath been timely
laboured with, by his Friends, but without to desired
effect, therefore we have disowned him as a member of our
society untill he makes Friends satisfaction for his
outgoings, which we desire he may. —

Signed on behalf of the above said meeting

By Josiah Shove Clerk for the
day

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Wexbridge the 24th of 2nd mo 1792.

Whereas David Tust son of Nathaniel hath had
a right in our religious Society as a Member but hath
deviated from the principles we profess in several res-
pects, in not attending our religious meeting but about
keep to plannings and hath associated with gain and un-
profitable company and attended places of merrime-
nt and dancing and hath of late attended the meet-
ings of the People called Universalists whose prin-
ciples he hath imbibed for all which Transgressions
of his he hath been laboured with by his Friends to
bring him to a sense of his state and waited long
upon for his return but he appeared not in his
own ways and not manifesting a disposition to ma-
ke satisfaction to his Friends for his misconduct
wherefore we have disowned him as a member until
he shall return and make satisfaction which we
desire he may.

Signed in and on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting
By Josiah Shore Clerk for the day

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Wexbridge the 24th of the 2nd mo 1792

David Switcheel who hath had a right of
membership in our religious Society hath deviated
from the rules thereof in several in several res-
pects as not keeping to plain language he hath also
contracted and consummated marriage contrary to the
orders established amongst us for which conduct of
his he hath been laboured with by his friends in order
to bring him to a right sense of his error without
finding the desired satisfaction.

We have therefore disowned him as a member of
our Society.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
By Josiah Shore Clerk for the day

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge 27th of 9th mo. 1792. —

To the Monthly Meeting at East-Hampstead.
 Dear Friends. our Friend Nathan Harkness Jun^r who removed from us to you requested a certificate of us. We are therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member and whilst amongst us, Conducted in a good degree orderly and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and upon inspection, appears clear of marriage engagement, &c. such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight in the Truth. —

Signed in and by order of said meeting
 By Eliza Arnold Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge.
 Dear Friends. — Eliza Potter having removed to you some time past with his wife Eunice, and requested a certificate, we therefore hereby certify that they are members of this Monthly Meeting; that he has settled his outward affairs by agreement for the present as far as appears and recommend them to your Christian care with desires for their Establishment and growth in the truth.
 Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Providence the 24th of the 9th mo. 1796

By Thomas Arnold clerk
 Abigail Arnold clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge 27th of 9th mo. 1792. —
 Whereas Nathaniel & Jonathan of a Nathaniel & Richard hath had a right of membership in our society but hath deviated from the principles we

profess in several respects; viz: hath neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings; and hath attended places of merriment and Dancing, associated with vain and unprofitable company; and hath attended the meetings of the people called universalists — for all which transgressions of his we have laboured with and endeavoured to bring him to a sense of his State; and waited long on him for his return; but finding no encouragement of his making Satisfaction for his misconduct. Therefore we have Disowned him as a member but still Desire his return.

Signed in and by order of our above said meeting
By Joseph Shaw (Clerk for this time)

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge 4th of 4th mo. 1792

Sam^l & Wm^l both been a member of our religious Society who of late hath contracted an unapproved marriage; out of the good order & stability amongst us; with one not of our Society, being previously cautioned, wherefore we have Disowned him as a member.

Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting
By Eliza Arnold Clerk

From our yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New-England, from the 7th of 4th mo. to 12th of the same inclusive 1792 &c. — To the Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging.

Beloved Friends — Under a renewed sense of our Heavenly Father's love, measurably fitted to extend towards us at this time, do we affectionately Salute you, and hereby inform, that we duly received your several Communications: with Answers to the Queries, in which we with sorrow observe sundry Def-

yet remain, and although much hath from time to time been communicated in this way, yet feeling our minds ardently engaged for your growth and establishment in the best things, cannot but recommend to your Deliberation and serious consideration, what may be the primary cause of those Deficiencies as exhibited in many of your Enquiries may it not be said that the inattention to that Divine principle of light and life which led our pious predecessors out of the dead forms of an empty profession and which united them to assemble themselves together for the worship of God hath produced that Supineness and Sluggish disposition of some when assembled and conducted to the deviations from that testimony that truth enabled them to bear amongst men.

Oh, friends let not the trifling cares of this transitory world divert ^{your} ^{minds} from an attention to this great and important duty of assembling yourselves together for the worship of that being in whose hand our breath is, who giveth and taketh away who seeth meet and hath said seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness & all these things shall be added unto you. And I dear friends as you come to feel an engagement of heart to this necessary duty you will, we trust witness a growth in that love which is the characteristic of the followers of Christ who said hereby shall men know that ye are my Disciples if ye have love one towards another it hath afforded comfort & satisfaction to our minds in perceiving by your accounts that you have in many instances extended your Christian care for the preservation of our testimony, may none relax therein or be discouraged from the dulness of the prospect for that we have abundant cause to believe that honest and faithful labour of friends hath and ever will be productive of happy effects we feel our minds impressed with a belief that Divine regard hath of late been experienced to extend to many amongst us and more especially to the beloved youth which excites our earnest Desire

for their preservation and Establishment in the truth
and may those of the poor rank ~~that they may not~~
amongst us be engaged so to walk that they may
not become stumbling blocks or give cause of offence
to these little one but may be enabled to walk be-
fore them with that gravity and holiness whereby
they may with propriety say to the Dear youth
come follow us as we follow Christ

I give in behalf of our Friend Meeting
by William Ketch Junr. clerk
to the meeting this year

Extracts from the yearly meeting minutes 36th 1812
This meeting having concluded to raise £50.00
this year Rhode-Island Quarterly meeting is desired
to forward to our treasurers the sum of £21.7.7 their
proportion of said Stock.

Rhode-Island Quarterly meeting is hereby at liberty
to appoint not exceeding six suitable friends as mem-
bers of the meeting for suffering and return their
names to our next yearly meeting and as soon as
may be to the meeting for sufferings. - It is con-
sidered that Rhode-Island Quarterly meeting for
insuing year be held in the same manner as last
year. - Considering some inconveniences and in-
equalities that have arisen in the support of some
of the necessary expenses of Society we think both
commendable and orderly that such expenses as
are necessary to be borne by Society of friends who
have the convenience of the brethren to travel on
travels account beyond sea or in foreign parts to
be paid out of the yearly meeting Stock.

And for the expenses of those who travel in
this continent out of the limits of their own
Quarterly meeting we recommend that each Quar-
terly meeting where such friends belong make
provision therefor: and for the expenses of
those who travel within the Quarterly meeting

where they belong we also recommend that the monthly meetings of which they are members make the necessary provision - nevertheless when any of the foregoing expenses or other expensively occasions from the largeness of the amount or from other particular circumstances may be thought proper, Monthly or Quarterly meetings to bear the expenses of society at large the accounts thereof may be laid before the yearly meeting audit who may approve the same or any part thereof as they think proper to be paid out of the meetings treasurer.

Copies compared by H^m. Fitch jun^r. Clerk
to the meeting this year

From our c^o Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Uxbridge 27th of 8th mo 1791.

Closes, eldest son of Benjamin of Uxbridge hath Deviated from ^{our} principles in several respects: particularly in forsaking our Religious Meetings, doth not keep to plainness of language and dress, but uses vulgar profane language: for all which hath been laboured with by his friends to bring him to a sense of his transgressions without the desired effect: we hereby testify that we have disowned unity with him as a member of our Society.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting

By Richard Monrey Clerk for the Day

From our c^o Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge 27th of 4th mo 1792

Jerathmeel Allen son of Closes of Richmond has Deviated from the principles we profess in several respects: viz: has been slack in the attendance of our Meetings: has not kept to plainness and has married with one not of our Society: and in labouring with him for his good, we find him determined

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to follow his own ways: for which transgressions of his we have disowned him as a member of our Society.

Signed in and by order of our above said meeting By Elisha Arnott clerk

From our Monthly meeting held at Unbridge the 27th of 2^d m^o 1792

Whereas David Farnum hath had a right of membership in our society, but hath so far deviated from the reproof of instruction, which is the way of life, he hath gone into many errors, particularly in neglecting the attendance of our religious meeting, doth not keep to plainness of speech and apparel, hath been in the practice of attending vain and unprofitable company, such as horse races, frolicking, dancing, &c: keeps company with young women out of the order of our discipline: for all which he hath been much labour'd with to bring him to a sense of his transgressions without the desired effect; we have therefore disowned him as a member and put him from under our care.

Signed in & by order of Said meeting By Elisha Arnott clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Unbridge the 28th of 2^d m^o 1792

Jose Eldrich who hath been a member of our society through unwatchfulness hath gone contrary to our religious principles in several respects: he hath neglected to use the plain language, and uses profane and immodest language and associates with vain and wicked company for which he hath been labour'd with by his friends in order to bring him to a sense of his error, without having the desired effect he is therefore disowned as a member of our society. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by Elisha Arnott clerk

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From a Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Uxbridge y^e 2th of y^e 9th mo 1792

Whereas Daniel Saff of Richmond son of Nathaniel a member of our religious society who for want of living up to the manifestation of truth in his own mind hath fallen into several things contrary to our principles and practice; particularly neglects the diligent attendance of our religious meetings & associates with vain and irreligious company and neglects to keep to plainness for which transgressions of his friends have laboured with and waited on him for his return without the desired effect: wherefore these are to certify that we have put him from under our care as a member untill he shall return and make satisfaction to his friends.
Signed in and by order of the above said meeting
By Eliza Stroud clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge y^e 26th of y^e 10th mo 1792

Mechemiah Bennett son of John Bennett of Richmond much neglects to attend our religious meetings; associates with unprofitable company; and appears to be keeping company in order for marriage with a young woman not of our society - and we have laboured with him to reclaim him from the evil of his ways - but he giving no encouragement of amendment; we have put him from under our care as a member - Signed in and by order of our above said Meeting - By Josiah Shove clerk for the y

From our Monthly Meeting of men and women
friends held at Smithfield 25th of 10th mo 1792

To the Monthly Meeting of men and women
friends at Uxbridge -

Beloved Friends

Our friend Jonathan Fowler having removed

within the bounds of your meeting with Anna his wife and there child Elizabeth, as also James Chase an apprentice to Jonathan. these are to certify that they are members of our society, and it appears upon inquiry that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. We recommend them to your ~~care~~ ^{Christian care} oversight. — Signed in and on behalf of our mens and womens meeting

By Walter Allen clerk
By Elizabeth Smith clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting of men and Women Friends held at Smithfield the 2^d of the 1st 1752.
To the Monthly Meeting of men and Women Friends at Haverhill. — Dear Friends,

Whereas Joseph Chase having removed within the verge of your Meeting with his family whose names are Joseph his wife and Keziah their Daughter they may certify on their behalf that they are members of our society and of an orderly life and conversation and upon enquiry we find his affairs are settled to satisfaction, as such we recommend them to our Christian care and oversight with desires for their improvement in growth in the truth we conclude and remain your Friends. Truly yrs. signed in and on behalf of our above said Meeting

(Walter Allen)
By (Elizabeth Smith) clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of men and women Friends held at Smithfield the 2^d of the 1st 1752. —
To the Monthly Meeting at Haverhill. —
Dear Friends, — These ~~are~~ ^{are} to acquaint you that Benjamin Gascoit with his wife and the most of his children have removed from us within the verge of your meeting they being members of our society do recommend them to your care as such.

Said Benjamin having settled his affairs to Satisfaction
 their childrens names are Patience Daniel Reuben
 Sarah Birney & Amy Giffitt. —
 Signed in and by order of the men & women
 meeting

by (Chas. Smith) Clerk
 (Elizabeth Crook)

Extract from the yearly meeting minutes held
 on Rhode-Island 6th 1791. —

It is agreed that if any Friend shall marry con-
 trary to the good order established among us being pre-
 viously cautioned by the Overseers that the Monthly
 collecting where such belong proceed to make a minute
 of denial and testify against them. —

And where instances occur where a man and wo-
 man both being members of our society shall so mar-
 ry as from the circumstances of their being members
 not suspected of deviating there from precautionary
 advice against it may not have been extended, that
 they do without delay in like manner testify agai-
 nst this practice. Considering these acts to be delinquent
 so that thereby Monthly Meetings are warranted
 in proceeding in this manner. We nevertheless ex-
 hort overseers & all concerned friends not to suffer
 a relaxation of their vigilance and care but rather to
 double their diligence that those disreputable practices
 may wholly be disengaged among us. That any-
 one who may visit friends on account of disorderly con-
 veying hoping for the purpose of marriage without the
 above advice give early information to a Monthly Meet-
 ing of their labours and care in order for further ad-
 vice if thought necessary by Monthly Meeting previous
 to marriage. The foregoing is directed to be entered in all
 our Books of Discipline under the head of Marriage. —

Upon considering the arrangement of Rhode-Island
 Yearly Meetings it is concluded that it be held
 for the year ensuing, in the manner &c. at the time

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge the 26th day of the month m^o 1793. —

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Kuc-
hmore Respected Friends Samuel Knowles having sent
an acknowledgement to this meeting several months past
and having had your care and approbation in regard to the
state of his mind, have concluded to accept of the same
as satisfaction, and recommend him to your Christian
care and oversight as a member; we also refer the further
disposal of said acknowledgement which we herewith send
to you — Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting
Sey J. Shove Secy for the

It is agreed that the following be the line di-
viding Smithfield and Uxbridge mt^s mee^gs. Viz.
to begin at the East side Bolton, thence to Fair-
banks Mill in Mendon; thence to Matthew Dar-
lings Dwelling house; thence to the forks of the
road a little Easterly of Josiah Shoves house
thence to Benjⁿ Buffum's house where his sons
Stephen & Joshua now live that house to belong
to Uxbridge; thence to Innans Mills; thence
up stream with the River to the Bridge near El-
eazer Ballows; thence to Joseph Shippys Saw-
mill; thence to John Hunts gristmill; thence to
Josiah Wilcox's barn; thence to where Joseph Chas
lives he to belong to Smithfield; thence westwa-
rdly a little South of Oziel Hopkins to Conne-
cticut line; thence South with Connecticut line
to Providence mt^s meeting: It is nevertheless conclu-
ded that those friends who do or may live on the
line and is not expres'd where they belong are
to be at liberty to choose their own meeting; and
in case any person should hereafter incline to re-
quest the care of friends in a different mt^s meet^g
than these lines express; the mt^s meet^g so applied
to may (if nearer to them than the other meeting)
accept such person if they think proper; but
in case any doubt should arise in respect of the

distance or convenience to such applying person, the two adjacent mt. meet^gs. are to confer and conclude as may appear best: and so also in cases of removals.

Extracted from the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Greenwich the 7th of 4th mo 1791

By Benjamin Treaborn Clerk

From our Yearly meeting held on Rhode-Island for New-England from the 13th of 12th mo to the 19th of the same inclusive 1793. — To the quarterly meetings hereto belonging Dear Friends, with the salutation of Brotherly love we salute you, and hereby inform, that we have duly received accounts from the several quarterly meetings hereto belonging with answers to the queries, and are sorrowfully affected in observing that there are many deficiencies still remaining and falling short with respect to various duties incumbent on those who are making so high and holy a profession; that of being actuated and influenced by the Spirit of truth: and we think it unnecessary to enter into a detail of all the deficiencies above alluded to, and to communicate advice particularly respecting them, being sensible that when the tree is corrupt the fruit must consequently be impure we therefore recommend a particular attention to the sanctifying operation of the Divine power by which only defecation in practice can be removed, and we animated to proceed in the line of Divine appointment to the performance of our religious and social duties and the enjoyment of that peace and liberty which is the peculiar privilege of those whose Swelling is in the light and as we abide therein we shall have fellowship one with another and be united by engaged in a fervent labour for the promotion of truth in the Earth and for the establishment of that excellent order and harmony which we believe is consistent with the will of our Heavenly Father to be maintained in the church and amongst his people. — Notwithstanding dear friends in our apostle in 1791

we earnestly recommend a due attention to that class of friends who in the course of providence are not blessed with the outward comforts of life, & renewed concern hath proposed the minds of friends that an additional care may be extended in such meetings where there has not been a full compliance with the recommendation respecting them, and particularly that they may be all supplied with the holy scriptures and such other books as may be adapted to their particular circumstances, and as there were ways pointed out for supplying the indigent with books suited to the promotion of piety & virtue among them, where monthly meetings might not be able to supply the want, without the expense of them being too. Sensibly felt by such monthly meetings applying to the meeting for supplies for their aid and assistance to be supplied out of this meeting stock: Such meeting as remain indifferent to repairs in this ^{spect} will be left without excuse & in order that this meeting may be clear herein we again advise to the appointment of Committees for this purpose and request an account to the next yearly meeting of the progress that may be made therein.

Signed on behalf and by Direction of Said meeting by
 William Hatch Jr. Clerk to the meeting this year

After solid deliberation it is concluded that the following be adapted for the third Query and the several Quarterly Meetings are directed to have it inserted in our books of Discipline viz. —
 Query 3. Are Friends careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world or they good examples herein themselves; And are the Holy Scriptures frequently read audibly in their families Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting having in their account proposed that their collecting in the first month

which has heretofore been held at Providence shew
 to be in future held at Somersett formerly
 Swanzy. After due consideration their proposal is
 acceded to, and the alteration is concluded upon
 accordingly. — Our Meeting having concluded to
 raise one hundred pounds for the yearly collecting Sto-
 ck Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is requested to
 send up their proportion £42.10.2 to our treasurer.
 Extracts from the minutes of Rhode Island yearly
 Meeting from the 1st to the 1st of the 6 month
 1793 inclusive — by William Kolchman
 clerk to the collecting this year

Swanzy c^o. Meeting in their account in-
 form that the moving and rebuilding the meeting
 house at Freetown was completed the expence of wh-
 ich is £7:17:3 of which £15:6:3 remains unpaid
 towards which the several m^{ts} meetings are desired
 to contribute in their freedom and forward to s^t m^t
 meeting and an account to next Quarterly collecting
 and the clerk is desired to send each m^t meeting a
 copy of this minute. — Extracts from the
 minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
 held at Portsmouth the 5th of the 5th m^t 1793
 Benjamin Freetown clerk

It not appearing that transcripts of the ye-
 arly meetings Epistle has ~~not~~ been made out by the
 clerk as directed at last Quarter, and the Epistle
 being now received — The Representatives are de-
 sired to make out a sufficient number of Tran-
 scripts for the several Monthly meetings and
 forward ^{the same} to them, and return the original to the clerk,
 and the Monthly meetings are desired to pay sea-
 sonable and proper attention to the same, in order
 that a return may be made to the yearly collecting
 your Proportion of the yearly Meetings
 Stock as apportioned by the Representatives

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is £. 5. 11 which the Quarterly-Meeting de-
sires may be sent to the yearly meeting Treasurers
and an account to the next Quarter.

Extracted from the minutes of a Quarterly
Meeting held at Smithfield for Rhode Island
the 10th of y^e 10th m^o 1793.
by W^m Hovey clerk for this time

From our Monthly-Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge County of Worcester Common Wealth
of Massachusetts in New England

To friends & others where they
may come within the verge of the Yearly-Meeting of
friends on Long Island and some parts adjacent
Beloved Friends, Our esteemed friend
Daniel Aldrich the bearer hereof opened a con-
cern in our meeting which he hath and having had on
his mind for some considerable time, to perform a
religious visit in your parts, these are therefore to
certify on his behalf that after deliberate confident-
ion thereon and brotherly sympathy with him in his
said concern and having had the united concurrence of
the womens & Monthly-meeting therein, do hereby
manifest our unity with his intended visit he being
a member and Minister in good esteem amongst us. Do
recommend him to divine protection and your brotherly
care & sympathy, desiring that after his labours is over
he may return to his family and friends with the re-
ward of peace.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting held the
16th of the 7th month 1793. By

Asa Potter	Nicholas Battey	Wm. Bassett
David Greene	Seth Aldrich by desire	Benedict Arnold
Pliny Earl	Jethro Lapham	Joseph Bassett
John Bowen	Nathaniel Aldrich	Benj ^a Flanery
Richard Mowry	Nathaniel Walker	Thomas Wallon
Mildah Mowry	Joseph Southwick	Asa Smith
Sam Tuman	Jonathan Farnum	Josiah Thove
Luz Greene	Levi Lapham	Royal Southwick

Thankful Lattay Rachael Lapett Chloe Southwick
 Sarah Southwick Joanna Shore Ruth Daniels by request
 Mehitable Walker Hannah Fowler Betsy Gifford by request
 Sarah Holder Elizabeth Harmon

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth
 for Rhode Island the 8th of 8th m^o 1793.

The within Certificate having been read in
 this collecting, and weightily considered, is concurred
 with.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting
 By Benjⁿ Freeborn clerk

Our Friend Daniel Aldrich attended this
 meeting with the within Certificate, his company
 & Labour of Love was to our Satisfaction —
 Signed in, & on behalf of our Monthly Meeting
 held at Lincolntown 16th of 10th m^o 1793
 by Isaac Thorn clerk

Our Friend Daniel Aldrich within Named
 acceptably attended this Meeting — Signed in and
 on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting held on the
 30th of 10th m^o 1793,
 by Richard Mott clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Sandy
 the 19th of 12th m^o 1793.

To the Monthly Meeting at Wobridge.

Dear Friends, after our love to you we her-
 eby inform that Daniel Aldrich attended our Mo-
 nthly Meeting in the ninth month last, with your
 Certificate in company with Israel Saben and visited
 most or all the meetings in these parts, whose company
 and labour in love were to comfort and satisfaction

Signed in and by order of the aforesaid meeting
 by Stephen Baker clerk

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From our Monthly Meeting held at Richmond
by adjournment the 20th Day of the 1st month 1794
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge. — Beloved Friends. — Israel Jaben ha-
ving put his son Darting to an apprenticeship
within the verge of your Monthly Meeting. These
may certify on his behalf that he is a member among
us, as such we recommend him to your Christian care
and oversight, and with Desires for his preservation
we remain your Friends and Brethren. —
Signed in & by order of said Meeting
By Jaazaniah Barret clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Uxbridge the 2nd of the 2nd month 1794
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends
of Hampton. — Dear Friends. —
Josiah Shove informed us that he had placed out
his Son Jonathan Marble within the verge of your
meeting: and requeste our certificate on his behalf
these lines are to certify that he is a member of
our Society who we recommend to your Christian care
and oversight. — Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
By Josiah Shove clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield the 24th day of 4th month 1794
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Dear Friends. — Our friend George Constock
a member of this meeting having removed within the verge
of your meeting & requeste our certificate — these are to
certify on his behalf that he has settled his affairs am-
ongst us to your Satisfaction, his Life and conversation
in a good degree corresponding with his profession, a diligent
attender of meetings: and hath been very useful in transacting
the affairs of the church and also an approved Elder: as such
we recommend him to your brotherly care, Desiring his further
growth in the truth and cordiality your Friends & Brethren

signed by order of said meeting

Walter Allen clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield the 24th day of 1st month 1799

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Dear Friends. Our friend George (exposed) J^r
having removed with his sister within the scope of
your meeting: these are to certify on his behalf that
he is a member of this meeting and hath been a si-
lent attendant thereof his life and conversation in a ge-
neral orderly and exemplary and clear of all marriage
Engagements amongst us, as such we recommend him
to your Christianly care and oversight. Signed by order
of said meeting

Walter Allen clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge the 24th of the 1st moth 1799

John Southwick son of John of London hath
had right of membership in our Society but hath
departed from our principles in several respects
particularly he hath been slack in the due attendance
of our religious meetings and has attended a mar-
riage out of the order of Friends and hath kept
company with a young woman not of our Society for
all which he hath been labour'd with by his friends
he hath paid so little regard to said labour and an-
swer is to contract and consummate marriage out of the
order of Friends this may testify that we have dis-
owned unity with him as a member of our Society
and put him from under our care till he shall return
and make satisfaction for his outgoing

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting

Joseph Shaw clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge 4th mo 25th 1794.

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Richmond
Dear Friends. — Our friend William Papett hav-
ing Removed with his family from us, to settle within
the verge of your meeting, and requested our certificate:
we therefore certify on his behalf that he is a member,
and Elder in good esteem amongst us; his Children also
are members, their names are — Cyrus, Lydia, Abimeus,
Daniel, Ellis, and Martha. — His affairs are settled to
satisfaction as far as appears, — as such we recom-
mend them to your Christian care and oversight
Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting
By { Josiah Shore } Clerk
{ Rachel Papett }

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge 4th mo 27th of 6th mo 1794

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Saratoga
Dear Friends. — Jacob Bartlet hath removed with
his family to settle within the verge of your meeting
and requested our certificate to you; these are to certify on
his behalf; that he and his family are members of our
Society, that he removed with the concurrence of our meeting
and hath settled his affairs to satisfaction; he was a pious
diligent attender of meetings whilst amongst amongst us
he and Anna his wife were of orderly lives and conver-
sation their childrens names are Sarah, Judith, Jacob, Joseph
and Daniel as such we recommend them to your Christi-
an care and oversight. — And remain your Friends
Brethren and Sisters. — Signed in and by order of our
above meeting
By { Josiah Shore } Clerk
{ Rachel Papett }

From our Monthly Meeting of men and women friends
held at Uxbridge 4th mo 27th of 6th mo 1794

To the Monthly Meeting of men and women friends at
Saratoga — Dear Friends — Daniel South-
wick hath removed within the verge of your Monthly Meeting

As requested a certificate from us to you for himself and family
his wife's name is Sumina and child Samuel. These lines
may certify on their behalf that they are members of our
Society, and on inquiry sent find but that their affairs
are settled, and as such we recommend them to your Chri-
stian care and oversight, desiring their growth and
stability in the truth.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting

(Josiah Thore)
By Rachel S. Spalding

To the monthly Meeting to be held at Uxbridge in
New England

Dear Friends, our beloved friend Daniel Thore
on in the course of his visit attended our Quarterly mee-
ting held the 6th of 11th mo. kept also most of the Meeting
belonging thereto with your certificate dated 26th of 7th mo.
1794. — his Labours of Love and Service in the ministry
have been acceptable and edifying to us, with Desires for
his preservation and peace of mind. We have no doubts
you are and are your friends. — Signed in and on behalf
of our Quarterly Meeting held at Olivepartners in
the State of New York 7th of 11th mo. 1794
By John Henry Clark

From Our Monthly Meeting of men & women friends
held at Smithfield 31st of 7th mo 1794. — To the Monthly
Meeting of friends at Uxbridge. — Dear Friends, Labor Co-
mstock with his wife Conant Comstock having removed
from our Meeting and settled within yours. These certi-
fy that they are members of our Society and in good de-
gree of orderly life and conversation, and on inquiry
do not find out their outward affairs are settled to satis-
faction and as such we recommend them to your Christian
care and oversight.

Signed in and by order of our said meeting

By Walter Allen Clerk
Elizabeth Smith Secy

From our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode-Is-
land for New-England by adjournments from the 12th day
of 6^{mo} to 17 of the Same inclusive 1794 -
To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of friends
hereto belonging.

Dear Friends, with a Degree of thankfulness
that we acknowledge our being favoured to meet together
again in this our Solemn assembly and having received
accounts from all the Quarterly Meetings: we are afresh
convinced that there is a living, wellengaged number who
are concerned not only for the preparation and confirmation
of their own hearts in the way of Righteousness and divine
acceptance; but also a good Degree of engagement for the
support of our wholesome Discipline; and the maintainance
of good order in our Society at large, nevertheless we are for-
rowfully afflicted at the many defects that have appeared with-
in the borders of our Religious Community how is it I ask
friend you who are in the neglect of the attendance of our
Religious meetings, on week days, do you Expectance that
living circulating life is abound, are you not sensible that
you have robbed the Lord of his tithe and offering: why ~~are~~
~~we~~ we become so Remiss in a Testimony our worthy pro-
cessors suffered so much to maintain, let there be an inqu-
iry made each one for his own soul to know ~~how~~ how
the account stands between him and his Creator; and if
there be found a want of love or obedience to him let there
be a doubling of our diligence untill there be a possession
obtained and then we have reason to believe there would
be no lack of love one to another which is so much noted
to be wanted by the answers to the Queries by which affe-
d appears that some have waxed so cold in their love to
us as when met on this Solemn occasion for Divine wo-
rship as to give way to a Sleepy disposition which is
displeasing in the eyes of beholders and offending to om-
niscient purity as it is a time of commotions among the
inhabitants of the Earth many in this Country being in
the Spirit of war have much of their Conversation therein
we feel it improper on our minds to exhort all friends
that they ^{come} out and be separated from such a spirit
conversing with diligence to enter ~~our~~ our minds,

to that principle of light and life which walks & are in
 with and good will unto men guarding against being anxio-
 us for the success of any contending party thereby manifes-
 ting that the Kingdom of our Father is not of this world
 but consisteth in Righteousness and peace and it is
 also with concern that we find by the answer to the
 fourth Query that there are a few who deal in, and
 a considerable number, who use Spirituous Liquours
 and some even to intoxication: now we earnestly re-
 commend that all who have the special oversight
 of the flock and other concerned friends be careful-
 ly keep on their watch and when there appears in any
 a deviation from our testimony in these respects
 that they be cautious and admonished and if any should
 disregard the labour and care of their friends as not to
 refrain that they be reported to and dealt with by
 the Monthly Meeting as disorderly walkers ac-
 cording to our discipline that the same be kept clean
 wholesome. — Signed on behalf of our said meeting
 By William Ketchum Clerk
 to the meeting this year

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
 held at Providence the 24th of Jan^r 1794. —
 To the Monthly meeting of friends at Uxbridge
 Dear Friends — Joshua Congdon having re-
 vided within the verge of your monthly meeting and
 requested our certificate for himself, and his wife
 Sarah, and son William, this is to certify that
 they are members of our Society, and that nothing
 appears but that he has settled his outward affa-
 irs to satisfaction, and she was a diligent at-
 tender of our religious meetings and of an orderly
 life and conversation while with us, therefore we
 do recommend them to your Christian care
 with desires that they may experience a growth in
 the truth.

Signed in and by order of our said meeting
 By Lydia Arnold Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
in New-England. — Dear Friend. —

Our Certificate being requested on behalf of Jonathan
Earle who has removed removed within the limits of your
meeting. We may say that during his residence among
us he was in a good degree of an orderly life, a frequent atten-
der of our religious meetings on first days and on Enquiry it
does not appear but that he is deep of I think marriage
engagements among us, we therefore recommend him to your
Christian care and oversight, desiring his growth and Est-
ablishment in the Truth.

We remain your affectionate Friend. Signed
in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held in
New York 3rd of 12th mth 1794

Edm^d Prier (Mk.)

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Uxbridge 26th 12th month 1794. —

Whereas Amariah Eldrich hath had a right of me-
mbership in our religious society but he deviating from
the principles we profess in many respects particu-
larly in going to places of merriment and dancing and
joining with them therein and keeping company by
way of courtship out of the order of Society, and with
not keep to plainness of speech nor apparel, and much
neglects the due attendance of our religious meetings he
hath been much laboured with by his friends to cause
him to refrain from his misconduct without the desired
effect we have disowned him as a member of our society
until he shall return and make satisfaction to his friends
for his outgoing which we desire he may.

Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting
by Josiah Shove Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Uxbridge
Dear friends — Our friend Walter Walker having
Removed within the verge of your meeting with his wife &
children whose names are, Somers, Spring, and Elizabeth who

have resided here about six years with a Certificate from Providence monthly meeting - - Which certificate set forth that they had not gained a Settlement in that Meeting but still belonged to Uxbridge which in that sense was accepted - - Neither do we think that they have gained a Settlement with us - - yet as Walter and his wife having conducted in a degree orderly while with us, and it not appearing on enquiry but that their affairs are settled mostly to Satisfaction amongst us, wherefore we recommend them & their Children to your Christian care and oversight and conclude your friends Signed in and by order of the monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 4th mo. 1795

By (Walter Allen) Clerk
(Elizabeth Smith)

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge yth of yth mo 1795

Henry Earle hath had a right of membership in our Religious Society but hath kept company by way of courtship contrary to our principles, he was precautioned by his friends which he paid so little regard to as not to desist his said accompanying and one recent instance thereof appears to be in a very licentious manner these lines are to testify that we have disowned unity with him as a member and put him from under our care untill he shall make Satisfaction for his said transgression - - Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid meeting - - By Josiah Thore Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge yth of yth mo 1795

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Saratoga Dear Friends after our salutation of Love we inform that Eliza Southwick did about a year ago send to our meeting an acknowledgement & condemning his conduct for which he was disowned - - Our friends we desire you to inspect into his life and conduct and inform us whether you are willing to receive a Certificate on his behalf

This

This being the useful, we conclude and remain your
friends and Brethren
Signed in and on behalf of our above
said Meeting By Josiah Shovelock

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Wobridge
ye 21 of ye 11 month 1795 - to the Monthly Meeting
of friends at Jericho on Long Island
this meeting being inform'd that Esack Albrich is
pleased in apprentice to his Brother Royal Albrich
within the charge of your meeting these are to inform
that he is a member of our Society as such we
Recommend him to your Christian care and our light
Signed in on behalf of the above To meeting By
Josiah Shovelock

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly collecting
held on Rhode-Island for New-England by adjourn-
-ments from the 11th of 8th mo to the 1st of the Same inclusive
1795

The Subject of Education having been trou-
-ght before this meeting and our minds having been dipped
into an exercise upon the importance thereof with earnest
solicitude that a renewed concern may be excited in the
minds of Friends to promote as far as in them lies
the great object of a pious Education of their tender
offspring. do Solicly recommend to our respective Mo-
-nethly & e Monthly - meetings the weighty Consider-
-ation thereof & that they do encourage the promotion
of Schools under the Special care of e Monthly - collecting
conformable to former advice of this collecting.

And as we still believe usefulness would be derived
to Society by the establishment of a yearly meeting
School and the present fund appropriated therefor
being inadequate for its continuation, we feel desirous
that a willingness may be excited in the hearts of those
Friends who have a plenty of the things of this world
liberty to spare thereof for so useful a purpose and
that Subscriptions therefor may be opened in each.

meeting

Also that Quarterly meetings procure the best information they can. relative to the state of Schools and Education in general with an account of what obstructions they find to impede the accomplishment of this recommendation and give this meeting information next year

The matter respecting Education & Schools which came up in the extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting which was referred from last quarter to this coming under consideration after deliberation thereon agreed and recommended to the several monthly meetings to inform our next quarterly meeting whether any School or Schools have been kept up the year past under the immediate care & direction of their particular monthly meeting or whether any and what Schools have been kept by members of our Society within the verge of the several meetings if any and what other Schools have been kept & by whom & for what season at which friends children have been School? & where no School has been kept under the Immediate care of the monthly meeting that they endeavour to inform the next quarterly meeting what difficulties or obstructions preventing their instituting such School and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of the said extract of the yearly meeting minutes together with a copy of this minute to each monthly meeting

George Arnold clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held at Saratoga the 13th of 4th mo 1795

A Letter was received from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting dated the 13th of the 7th mo last whereby it appears that that Meeting requested this Meetings assistance respecting Ezra Southwick. but this Meeting being informed that he resides within the verge of East Hoosick Monthly Meeting therefore after a time of deliberation on the Subject it is concluded that the clerk transmit a

copy of this Minute to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting inclosing the Letter from that Meeting therein
 Extracted from the Minutes
 By Stephen Baker Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
 held at Uxbridge y^e 7th of y^e 11th m^o 1795
 To East Worselt Monthly Meeting of friends
 held at Addams — Dear Friends
 After our Salutation of love we hereby inform
 that Jonathan Farnum hath removed from us and
 settled within verge of your meeting, and requested
 our Certificate for himself and family, his wife's
 name is Lettice and their Childrens Maria, War-
 ner, Catey & Wait, these lines may certify on their
 behalf that they are members of our Society and on
 inquiry we dont find but that their outward affairs
 are settled to Satisfaction and as such we recom-
 mend them to your Christian care and oversight
 Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting
 By Josiah Shove & Lk
 Lydia Smith

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends
 at Worselt for Worselt the 2^d of y^e 11th m^o 1795
 To the monthly meeting of friends at Uxbridge
 Dear Friends
 William Chase and his wife Alice again
 in this meeting ~~that~~ that they were about to re-
 move from hence within the verge of your meeting with
 their family namely Buffum Chase, Elisabeth Chase
 William Chase and Eliza Chase these are therefore
 to inform you on their behalf that they are mem-
 bers of this meeting and as such we recommend them to
 your watchful care upon inquiry not any thing appears
 but

but that their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction
 Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by
 Daniel Brayton } clerk
 Mary Carl }

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Uxbridge the 1st of the 1st mth 1796

Our Comtee appointed to enquire into the charac-
 -ters of John Fowler Respecting a Marriage Report-
 -ing to our last Monthly Meeting that his company
 keeping had been in a loose and Licentious manner
 for which evil conduct we have disowned unity with
 him as a member Signed on behalf of the above
 Mth meeting by Josiah Shove clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Somerset for Swarzey the 7th of the 3rd mth 1796

To the monthly meeting of friends at Uxbridge
 Dear Friends — Amasa Chase & his wife
 Hannah having removed from us to reside within
 the verge of your meeting & requested our certificate
 for themselves and children & namely Abner
 Amasa Kebekeh and Hannah these are the-
 -fore to certify on their behalf that they are
 members of our meeting & upon Enquiry nothing
 appears but that they have settled their outward
 affairs to Satisfaction and as such we recom-
 -mend them to your Christian care

Signed in and on behalf of S^d Meeting by
 Daniel Brayton clerk
 Abigail Lawton clerk
 for the day

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be
 held at Uxbridge y¹ of y⁴ mth 1796

Dear friends I freely acknowledge that I gave pri-
 -ends just cause to disown unity with me particu-
 -larly in not keeping my place at a town meeting
 in

in not keeping to the plain Scripture Language
and in several other of my miss steps; all which
I am sorry for; and desire friend to pass by my
transgressions and again receive me under your wa-
-terful care; as I hope to be more watchful and
obedient to the truth in future -- from your
well wishing friend

Samuel Abrieh

To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at
The bridge y^e 25th of y^e 9th mo 1735 Dear Friends

Whereas I have gone aside from the good order of
friends by marrying out from the good order established
amongst them and having a concern on my to be readmi-
-ssed to the care of friends and being in a degree persua-
-de of my deviating from the wholesome rule and discipli-
-ne of friends and under a naitely consideration thereof
do ask and desire the forgiveness and care of my friends
hoping to be enabled by divine strength and assistance
to walk as becomes a brother in the church and to ~~step~~
forward in just man's path in the unity of the sp-
-irit and bond of peace -- so remaining your sincere
and loving friend

Boston y^e 17th of y^e 1st mo 1735

Abraham Whitt

At a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for
New England the 11th of 5th month 1736

The meeting recd. the extract from our last
yearly meeting which hath been sent to you for perusal
and ordered to be received as follows

By the reports from the several Quarterly meetings
it appears that attention has been paid to our recommen-
-dation of last year relative to a pious Education of our
Children as the concern has revived in our Quarterly
& monthly meetings and some progress has been made
therein so hope that friends will be favoured to follow
the pointings of truth in that important subject
in which the present generation are so deeply inte-
-rested and we are again ~~pleasingly~~ concerned to recom-

men in general first to Quarterly & monthly meetings, to persevere in paying particular attention to the concern and ~~off~~ in an especial manner to persuade those who have the care of children that they suffer no consideration if any reasonable expense that their ~~own~~ circumstances will warrant, to retard or prevent this very necessary work, and the several Quarterly meetings are requested to send an account to our next meeting what further progress they have made.

It is recommended that in future that monthly meetings be not required to send answers to the Quarterly meetings except the first, second and twelfth queries only once in the year at the meeting preceeding the yearly meeting when they are to improve them all as heretofore but that all the queries be read in the several meetings Quarterly and friends are desired to stir one another up to a more diligent application of the important duties by them enjoined to themselves individually that an increase of care may be witnessed by this alteration. It is recommended that in all cases where monthly meetings find it necessary to build a new meeting house they apply to the Quarterly meeting to which they belong for advice therein.

This meeting recommends the raising one hundred pounds for the yearly meetings stock on Rhode Island. Quarterly meeting is desired to forward to our treasurers forty pounds their proportion of said meetings stock.

Extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting for New England held on Rhode Island from the 9th of 4th mo to the 15th 1775

William Ratch Jr. Clerk

And the several monthly meetings are desired to pay attention to the several matters and conclusions therein recommended and the clerk is appointed to furnish each monthly meeting with a copy of the above extracts with the apportionment of the above £40 for the yearly meetings stock agreeable to the app.

apportionment of said Quarter together with a
copy of this minute. Extracted from the mi-
nutes of the Quarterly meeting held as above said
by
George Abnole Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Limerick for Swazey the 3rd day of the 10th mo 1796
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge - Dear Friends.

Jonathan Chase just having removed from this
meeting within the compass of your meeting upon
which Application hath been made for him by
his parents for a certificate these are therefore to
signify on his behalf that he is a member of this meet-
ing as such we recommend him unto your watchful
care

Signed in and on behalf of this meeting

By Daniel Brayton } Clerk
Abigail Lawton }

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge 4th of 1st mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting at Easton in the
State of New York - Respected Friends after our
salutation of love to you, we inform that Samuel
Bosman is about to remove within the verge of your mee-
ting and requested our certificate for himself and wife
Huldah and Children whose names are Gideon Han-
nah Eddy Martha and Sarah. These are to certify
that they are members of our Society and on inqu-
-iry nothing appears but he hath settled his outward
affairs to pretty good Satisfaction as such we recom-
end them to your Christian care and oversight

Signed in and by order of our men and women's
meeting.

By Josiah Shove Clerk
Thankful Battey

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
 held at Uxbridge the 27th of the 1st mo 1797
 To the monthly meeting of Friends at East-
 Hoosick. Dear Friends after our salutation
 of love we inform that Thomas Farnum a member
 of our meeting hath removed within the verge of your
 meeting and upon inquiry do now find but that he hath
 settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and
 clear of marriage engagements as far as appears and as
 such we recommend him to your christian care and over-
 sight desiring his preservation and growth in the truth
 Signed in and on behalf of the above meeting
 by Josiah Shove clerk

Leicester 9th 23th 1796

Dear Friends it is with sorrow that I have
 to say I have been so unwise as to lose my title
 of membership among you, yet though I had the
 advice of Parents and Friends I did not regard it
 as would have been for my good, and still went
 on in a way which brought me to disgrace and
 I can sincerely say I am sorry I have been
 so unwise and therefore I wish to be reinstated
 to your watchful and tender care I remain
 your Friend Henry Earle
 To the monthly meeting
 of friends at Uxbridge

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
 held at Uxbridge 27th of 1st mo 1797
 To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at
 Easton. Beloved Friends.
 After our salutation of love: these may
 inform that Ezra Eddy is placed an apprentice
 within the verge of your meeting: these are to
 certify on his behalf that he is a member of our
 Society and a pretty steady attender of meetings
 and of an orderly life as such we recommend him
 to your watchful care
 Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting
 by Josiah Shove Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting at New
 Bedford the 23rd of 4th mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting at New Bedford
 We have the pleasure to inform you that
 Messrs. who has in his Ministry as with the con-
 sent of his friends and others worthy persons
 of your meeting you have requested our assistance
 to be made a supply on his behalf that he is a man
 of true piety and good character, has settled his affairs to
 satisfaction, and is free of all engagements
 and with respect to his preparation of papers re-
 quired in the Bulletin we recommend him to your Brethren
 and Christian Friends

Yours &c. meeting

Samuel J. Small (clerk)

From our Monthly Meeting at New Bedford
 the 1st day of 4th mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at New Bedford
 Dear Friends: — Messrs. William Lusher
 who some time lived within the scope of your
 meeting and of late with an assistance to us
 with us and it appearing necessary to forward a
 certificate by way of certificate these there one may easily
 be taken as a member of our meeting as we have
 in your care and oversight.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting

(Daniel Brayton) clerk
 (Abigail Landon)

From our Monthly Meeting at New Bedford
 the 1st day of 4th mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at New Bedford
 Dear Friends

As it is the duty of every member of our
 meeting to be within the verge of your meeting
 a member of our meeting is now
 and we are anxious to see a

affairs is at meetings at the Village. Calling any one
in to settle her affairs to settle with
us then together with her father on some I will
do by birth is all a gentleman we recompenst
is your Christian sympathy and as a slight wit
differs for their reproduction and growth in the
truth sign by heart on behalf of our meeting

(Hester Allen Belcher)
(Elizabeth Smith)

From our meeting at the Village of friends that I
received for January 1st of the month 1777

to the monthly meeting at the Village
Dear Friends,

Samuel Stead having removed from
within the verge of your meeting at the Village and
perhaps some of the friends are in a hurry to appear
that there is a difference in dispute but they have
himself and Daniel (his son) and others our friends
the wife their endeavors to have it removed before us
left, but it was not possible for what they are
entirely their own in that account of letters but have
not received any answer from him therefore we
give your brotherly assistance in that matter and
want with Discipline

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid
By Daniel Dwyer

From our meeting at the Village of friends that I
received for 26th of 1st month 1777

to the monthly meeting at the Village
Dear Friends — after our brotherly love we inform
you that we have taken care by a committee in the matter
that came from you respecting Samuel Stead and we
can only report that Samuel appears willing to submit
the matter of dispute to persons of the Society to be
met in meeting or any other except Sunday

that he is willing if the proposition is made
that the friends (I hope) might set the time and place
more or less not less the particulars respecting the
matter we cannot labour further in said case
Signed in and on behalf of our above said Meeting
By Joseph Allen Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 23rd of 6 month 1797

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Hedger

Dear Friends

Our aged Friend Joseph Campbell
having removed from our meeting to yours to live with
his son Laban we hereby certify that he is a mem-
ber of our Society and in a good degree of an orderly
and exemplary life and conversation and on inquiry
we do not find all his outward affairs are settled to
satisfaction we as such we recommend him to your
Christian care and sympathy

Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting

By Joseph Allen Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 23rd of 6 month 1797

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Hedger

Dear Friends Thomas Folger and his wife
Sarah having removed from our meeting to yours
with their children whose names are Luke Hannah
& Joseph these certify that they are members of our
Society and in a good degree of orderly life and conver-
sation and on inquiry we do not find but their
outward affairs are settled to satisfaction we therefore
recommend them to your Christian care and oversight
With respect for their preservation and growth in the love
we conclude with our salutation of love and remain

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your previous signed in and by order of our said meeting
by ~~George Smith~~ Susanna Constock.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Swansey 7th of 4th mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge

Dear Friends — your Information relative to
Samuel Stead came to hand at our last Monthly
Meeting, and it appearing that you are desirous
of the particulars respecting s^d case, we therefore have
thought proper herewith to forward a copy of a mi-
-nute of a report of our Committee appointed in conseq-
-uence of his removal as follows (v^z) The comm-
-ittee appointed to prepare a Certificate on behalf of
Samuel Stead report that there is an Impediment in
the way of his having a Certificate in consequence of
a Difference subsisting between him and another mem-
-ber and that they had used their Endeavours to have the
matter reconciled which hath proved ineffectual, and he
hath removed within the verge of Uxbridge Monthly me-
-eting and neglected to settle the same whereupon we are
still desirous for you to continue your Brotherly Labo-
-ur agreeable to Discipline

Signed in and on behalf of s^d Meeting

by Daniel Brayton Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Uxbridge 5th of 4th mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Swan-
-sey. Respected friends, these are to inform you
that we received a letter from you several months past
requesting our further labour with Samuel Stead respect-
ing a Difference between the said Samuel and one of
your members we having done all in said case that app-
ears to us necessary and informed you that the said

Samuel was willing to submit the matter of dispute to friends of any ~~meeting~~ monthly meeting besides In-
 anzey and there appears nothing further that we can
 usefully do in said case we conclude and are your friends
 and brethren. — Signed in and by order of the above
 said meeting

By Josiah Shaw Clerk

Berlin 17th of 9th mo 1797

To the Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge
 Dear Friends — Whereas I have had a
 right of membership in your religious Society
~~but~~ but through inattention to the principles
 of truth in my own mind have married out Con-
 trary to the good order established amongst friends
 for which I am sorry and Define friend to pass
 by my transgression and ~~re~~ receive me into member-
 ship again

Yours well wishing friend

Levi Wheeler

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ux-
 bridge — Dear Friends. — The ^{occasion} of our
 writing to you at this time is to acquaint you
 respecting Thomas Tarnum a member of your
 meeting, who for some time past hath resided
 within the compass of this but by not attending
 to the principles of truth hath so far given way to
 a libertine spirit as to attend places of diversion for
 which he was tenderly laboured with in order to reclaim
 him which not having the desired effect therefore the
 meeting proceeded to testify against his said misconduct
 as enjoined on us by our Discipline and after the
 meeting had come to a conclusion to disown him we re-
 ceived a Certificate from your meeting on his behalf
 and as the Circumstances of the case was we could not
 with propriety accept of the Certificate. therefore we

thought it best to return it to you with this information
So with the salutation of love we conclude your friends and
Brethren — Signed on behalf of a Monthly meet-
ing held at East-Hoe-puck y^e 29th of y^e 8th m^o 1797
By John Hutton Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Uxbridge y^e 29th of y^e 9th m^o 1797.

Whereas William Arnold, son of Benedict hath
had a right of membership in our Society, but hath
deviated from the rules thereof in several respects,
particularly he hath for some years been in the pra-
ctice associating with rude and unprofitable company,
and at times has been at places where there hath
been merriment and dancing and joined therewith
and hath not kept to plainness, for which mis-
conduct of his he hath been much laboured with
and long waited on by his friends for his return by
amendment of life and conduct without the desired
effect, these are to testify that we have disowned
him as a member, and put him from
under our care untill he shall return and make
satisfaction for his transgressions which we de-
sire he may

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
By Josiah Thove Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge y^e 29th of y^e 12th m^o 1797

To East-Hoe-puck Monthly Meeting of friends
Dear Friends — After our salutation of
love to you we inform that Asa Southwick sent
an acknowledgement to this meeting condemning
his misconduct for which he was disowned which
settles the contents of the testimony, this mee-
ting desires your brotherly assistance in ascertaining

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the State of his mind and return an answer
when you are ready whether you are willing to re-
ceive him a member of your meeting or not. they
appearing the needful at present we conclude and
are your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
by Josiah Shove clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Uxbridge ye 23^d of ye 2nd mo 1798

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Saratoga
Dear friends. These are to inform you that our
friends Nathaniel Walker and his wife Martha
have removed with their children, whose names are
Cynthia, Sarah, Ruth and Keriah; in order to
settle within the verge of your ^{monthly} meeting, and re-
quested a Certificate from us to you. These are to
certify on their behalf that they are members of
our Society, & of orderly lives and conversation; and
steady attenders of meetings and upon inspection do not
find but they have settled their outward affairs to
the satisfaction; and as such we recommend them to
your Christian care and oversight. we conclude with
the Salutation of love, and are your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting

by (Josiah Shove) clerk
(Thankful Batty)

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Uxbridge ye 23^d of ye 2nd mo 1798

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Saratoga
Dear friends: our aged friend John Walker and his wife
Margaret, have removed to settle within the verge of
your Monthly Meeting; they requested a Certificate
from us to you. These are to certify on their behalf, they

are members of our Society, and of orderly lives and conversation, and steady attenders of our meetings; and upon inspection we don't find but they have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction, and as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight desiring their preservation in the Truth the remainder of their days, we conclude with the salutations of love and are your friends

Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting
 By (Josiah Stone) Clerk
 (Thankful Bailey)

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at
 Smithfield for its residence the 2^d of 4th mo 1796
 To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge
 Dear Friends

Thomas Healy having some time past removed within the verge of your meeting, requested our Certificate, these are therefore to certify, that he is a member of our Society and upon inspection nothing appears but that he has settled his outward affairs to pretty good satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagements as far as we know as such we recommend him to your Christian care and are your Friends & Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of our Meeting
 by John Holden Clerk

From East Hoosack Mth Meeting of
 Friends held the 2^d of 8th mo 1796
 To the Mth Meeting of ^{Friends} at Uxbridge
 Dear Friends — We received a few
 lines from you, requesting our assistance in

ascertaining the State of Asa Southwick's mind
 respecting his acknowledgements; and have so far
 taken the Subject into consideration, as to ap-
 -point a Committee, who have made him Serat
 on the occasion and reported, as their sense, that he
 manifested, in some good degree, a tender state of mind
 altho there appeared a lack of depth of experience
 to render him in a situation suitable to be accepted
 a member of our Society. — We conclude
 and remain your Friends and Brethren. —
 Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid Meeting
 by John Upton Clerk

From our Monthly-Meeting of friends held
 at Uxbridge 4th of 9th mo 1798
 To the Monthly-Meeting of friends at Danby
 Dear Friends — After our salutation of love in-
 form that David Knowls about ten or eleven years
 past went from us without our advice we knew not
 where, and being informed by a line from him
 (which we herewith send) that he now resides wi-
 thin the verge of your Monthly-Meeting; these
 are to certify on his behalf that he was a member
 of our Society when he went from us; and as su-
 ch we recommend him to your Christian care
 and oversight.
 Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
 by E. Hooper Farnham Clerk

Extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting
 for New-England held on Rhode-Island by adjournment
 from the 10th of 4th mo 1798 to the 15th of the same
 Inclusive

By reports from all the Quarterly meetings it app-
 -ears, that friends have continued some attention to the
 subject of Education and that there still are Schools
 in several meetings under the government of Society

but that the Subject has not made much progess since last year. Friends are nevertheless affectionately desirous as they regard the good of their children to Endeavour with renewed concern to promote the Establishment of such Schools in order that their offspring may have the advantage of a religious and guarded education and render an account of the State of this concern to this meeting next year.

The committee appointed to consider of the Subject of suspending the publick meetings preceeding the Quarterly meeting: and of the proposition from Rhode-Island Quarter propose that the Subject at large be refer'd to next year's meeting and that Rhode-Island Quarter be left at liberty to make such alterations in the time and manner of holding their Quarterly meetings for one year as may remedy the difficulty under which they labour which is accepted and the same thus disposed of accordingly.

The Representatives reported on apportionment of six hundred Dollars agreed to be raised as follows viz

Rhode-Island	Dol 240	Salem	Dol 94
Sandwich	240	Falmouth	26

which is accepted and the Quarterly meetings are desired to send their proportion to the treasurer and an account thereof to this meeting next year.

The several Quarterly are desired to enter into a subscription in freedom to assist the Quarterly meeting of Falmouth in building several meeting houses which represent to this meeting are necessary to be built to accommodate who are not in circumstances to do it without assistance and send what they may raise to the treasurer of that Quarterly meeting and an account to this meeting next year.

Extracted from the minutes

Wm. Almy clerk to the
collecting this year

Extracts from the minutes of our Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode-Island the 9th of 8th month 1798.

It appearing by the extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting that had left this

Quarterly meeting at liberty to make such alterations in respect to holding said meeting as to them may appear necessary: and this meeting resuming the consideration thereof do agree that the Quarterly meeting for business in the 10th month at Smithfield be held on fourth day preceeding the usual time of holding said meeting to begin at the eleventh hour and that the publick meeting be on fifth day at the usual time as heretofore held

Uxbridge Monthly meeting proportion of Quarterly meeting stock as agreed on by the representatives present is thirty two Dollars: and that for the yearly meeting stock is thirty Dollars and seventy two cents

Extracted by - George Arnold clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge y^r 29th of y^r 3rd mth 1799

To the Monthly meeting of friends at the creek in the Pinepartners. Dear Friends Our Friend Royal Southwick informed this meeting that he had put his son James to live with Edward Southwick within the bounds of your monthly meeting these are to certify that he is a member of our meeting as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting

By Moses Farnum clerk

The Committee appointed at last Quarter to visit Uxbridge Monthly meeting and Bolton preparative meeting made the following report viz-

The committee in the case of Bolton preparative meetings request to be set off (or constituted) a Monthly meeting report; that we have at except one visited that preparative meeting consisting of 22 families, containing about 130 members who appear to be well accommodated with a meeting house and a school house near it, and are conveniently situated round them to attend their

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meeting at home, but being about 25 miles from the place
of holding their Monthly meeting of Uxbridge to which
they belong, renders it impracticable for many of the youth
to attend so often as is desirable, tho they appear well disposed.

We have all attended Uxbridge Monthly meeting agreeable to
appointment, and according to our prospect it may be safe for
the Quarterly meeting to indulge friends of Bolton preparative
with a Monthly meeting for one year on trial, with
hope that if friends there keep their places, it may be found
useful to continue it. — yet it appears to us safest for
the select members to remain a part of Uxbridge select
meeting; all which is submitted to the Quarterly meeting by

Elizabeth Sprague	Jonathan Knobs
Deborah Greene	Rufus Smith
Lydia Smith	Eliza Bowen junr.
Lydia Wicks	Moses Brown
	William Buffum
	Joseph Harris
	Moses Buffinton

Which report meeting the approbation of this
meeting Bolton preparative meeting is set off and
constituted a Monthly meeting, to be held on the
4th day before the last 5th day in each month to commence
after the next monthly meeting at Uxbridge, and to be
held till the 2nd month next year; and George Comstock
Rufus Smith Jonathan & Morry Daniel & Horich
Josiah Shove & Walter Allen are appointed visit
Bolton Monthly Meeting at the first time of holding
said meeting and at such other times as may satisfy
them to form a judgment in respect to the propriety
of the continuance of said meeting at the close of the
time for which meeting is appointed, at which time
they are desired to report, and the clerk is directed
to forward to Uxbridge and Bolton Monthly meeting.
copies of this minutes

Extracted from the minutes of the
Quarterly meeting held at East
Greenwich the 11th and 12th of the
4th month 1729 — by George Arnold &c.

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The committee appointed at last Quarter to take into consideration the Subject of dividing this Quarterly meeting made the following report viz—

We of the committee appointed to consider the proposal of dividing this Quarterly meeting have had a Solid Satisfactory conference on the Subject and it is our opinion that it will be best to refer the matter that it may be farther considered and digested
Signed on behalf of the committee } by Sylvester Thiel
that are present — } Deborah Greene

Which report being agreeable to the mind of this meeting that case is referred for the further consideration of next Quarterly meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish each monthly meeting with a copy of this minute.

This meeting having agreed to raise the sum of one hundred Dollars, also that the representatives in future meet at the ninth hour in the morning of the day of the Quarterly meeting for the purpose of making a Summary of the answers to the Queries and proportion moneys agreed to be raised and such other business as may be proper for them to take into consideration.

Extracted from the minutes of
the Quarterly meeting held at } George Arnold Clk
East Greenwich the 11th and 12th of
the 4th m^o 1799 by

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge y^e 30th of y^e 5th m^o 1798

Whereas Jesse Aldrich son of Stephen hath had a
right of membership in our Society, but hath deviated
from the rules thereof in several respects particularly; he
hath mostly neglected the attendance of our religious
meetings; hath departed from plainness of speech; beha-
-viour, and apparel, and hath kept company with one
not of our Society for all which he hath been laboured
with by his friends which hath had so little effect
as that he hath made publick his intention of ma-
-riage: these are to testify that we have disowned unity
with him as a member of our Society untill he shall
make Satisfaction to his friends for his transgressions
which we desire he may

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting

By Josiah Thove clerk

To the Separative meeting to be held at
Douglass 21st of 3rd m^o 1799

Respected friends. I hereby inform you that
some time past being at a place of publick resort
and being off my watch I sought and pertook of spi-
-ritous liquors to a degree of intoxication and disguise
for which misconduct of mine I am heartily sorry
hoping to conduct better for the future: I desire friends
to pass by my offence

Joseph Chase

From Salem Monthly meeting the 9 of 5 m^o 1799

To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting: Dear Friends
Bassam Chase having (some time past) been placed
here an apprentice with a certificate from Swartry
Monthly Meeting he being still a minor has settled
his master and returned to his parents within the limits
of your Monthly. and a Certificate being requested for
him - These may inform that he is a member of
our meeting and appears clear of embarrassments among
us as far as we know -

as such we recommend him to your christian care
and remain your friends. —

Signed in and on behalf of the above s^d. meeting
by Isaac Hacker clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge the 5th of the 11th mo. 1799

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Ki-
chmond — Dear Friends

Willard Aldrich hav-
ing removed from us within the verge of your meeting
& hath requested our certificate, these may certify on
his behalf that he is a member of our Society, and
on inquiry do not find but his affairs are settled
to satisfaction; and is clear of marriage engagements
among us: as such we recommend him to your
watchful care. Signed in and on behalf of the
abovesaid Monthly Meeting.

By Moses Farnum Clerk.

To the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held
at Uxbridge 4th of 11th mo. 1799

Beloved Friends I feel my mind Engaged
to inform you that my present State of Separation
from Society does not afford me that satisfaction of
mind that my youthful mind promised me but have
been forced to view things in a different manner
to what I did then when I enjoyed my right of
membership so I may add that I fully own the re-
proach of friends dealing with and disowning me in that
State that I was then in as noticed in their testimony
and desire to seek after and possess a better State
of mind for the future as app^r to be inrolled among fri-
ends as a member again these ^{from} your wellwishing friend

Isaac Aldrich

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From our Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Uxbridge 29th of 11th mo. 1799
To the Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Providence Dear friends

Thomas Steady hath removed within the verge
of your meeting and requested our Certificate of rem-
oval he being a member amongst us and upon inquiry
don't find but that his affairs are settled to satis-
faction and is clear of marriage engagements as far
as appears as such we recommend him to your Chris-
tian care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our above said Meeting
By Moses Farnum Clerk

From Nantucket M^o. Meeting of Friends
held the 8th day of 9th mo. 1799

To the m^o. Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge

Dear friends our Meeting being informed that
our friends Uriah Starbuck and his wife Lydia
together with five Children viz. Alexander, Charles,
Rachel, William Gayer & Elizabeth, being about
to remove and settle within in the verge of your
m^o. meeting & requests our Certificate, they may
certify that they are members of our Society & have
settled their civil and affairs to Satisfaction as far
as appears as such we recommend them to your
care. Desiring them growth & prosperity in
the truth and remain your friends Brothers &
Sisters

Signed in and by order of our a^bs^e Meeting
by Silvanus May Clerk
Elyth Black Clerk
for the day

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 29th of 3rd mo 1799

Wth Aldrich of Douglass hath had a right of membership in our Society, but he has associated with vain & unprofitable company, attended, dances of merriment & dancing, joined therein has often sinned and gone contrary to his fathers advice and doth not appear in plainness for which he hath been laboured with in order to reclaim him therefore without the desired effect these are therefore to certify we have disowned unity with him as a member of our Society; yet desire his return

Signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting
By Moses Tarnum clerk

John Earle having had a right of membership in our Society but having of late much neglected the attendance of our religious collectings as well as the plain scripture language and hath been in the practice of attending places of merriment and hath consummated marriage contrary to good order established among friends, for all which he hath been laboured with for his restoration without the desired effect we therefore have disowned unity with him as a member of our Society till he shall return and make satisfaction by amendment of life which we desire he may be enabled to do.

Signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting held at Uxbridge the 26th of 4th mo 1799

By Moses Tarnum clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 25th of 5th mo 1799

Whereas Willis Aldrich hath had a right of membership in our Society but hath departed from the principles

of truth which we profess. in several respects, particularly; hath much neglected the attendance of our meetings for worship - hath departed from plainness - hath treated some people in an unbecoming ridiculing way - and hath quibbled his intentions of, and consummated marriage out of the order of friends - we having laboured with him for an amendment of life: he hath neglected to take our advice - we have therefore disowned unity with and put him from under our care as a member.

Signed in and by order of our above said meeting
By Moses Farnum clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Uxbridge 28th of 2nd mo. 1790

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Smithfield
Dear friends - after our salutation of love we inform
that John Kullay son of Joseph decess'd a member
of this meeting and a minor is placed by his guardian
to live within the verge of your meeting as such we
as such we recommend him to your christian care and
oversight.

Signed in and on behalf of above said meeting
By Moses Farnum clerk

From Hantucket mth meeting of friends held
the 10th mo. 5 1799

To the mth meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
Dear friends our meeting was informed that Ebenezer
Barnard a minor being about to remove with his
father David Barnard to settle within the verge
of your mth meeting & requests our Certificate they
may certify that he is a member of our meeting in
as such we recommend him to your care with
desires for his growth in the truth & remain your
friends & Brethren is signed in and by order of our
mth meeting by William H. Hantucket

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From our Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Uxbridge the 18th of 1st month 1800

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
9th - Your Friends Luccas & Horrich a minor
having remembrance from us within the verge of your
meeting his Guardian Nathaniel Walker having
requested our Certificate these may certify on his
behalf that he is a member of our meeting as
such we recommend him to your Christian care with
desires for his growth in the Truth & remain your
friends Signed in & by order of the above said meeting
by Moses Harmum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Uxbridge 2nd of 3rd 1800

To the Monthly meeting of friends at East-
greenwich: Israel Arnold is gone with the con-
sent of his parents to serve an apprenticeship
within the verge of your meeting and requested a
certificate these may certify on his behalf that
he is a member of our meeting as such we recom-
mend him to your Christian care and oversight
desiring his furtherance in the Truth

Signed in and on behalf of our above by
Moses Harmum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Uxbridge yth 25th of yth 4th mth 1800

Dear Friends Turner Horrich hath
for some time lived within the verge of your meeting
and of late hath been restored into unity with us these
may certify that he is a member of our Society
as such we recommend him to your care and oversight

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Signed in and on behalf of said meeting.
By Eliza Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge
the 8th of 4th m^o 1798.

Whereas Sams Florick hath had a right of membership in our Society but through inattention to the spirit of truth in his own mind hath gone into many things contrary to our principles particularly to places of merriment and dancing and joining therein and is company keeping out of Society in order for marriage. does not keep to plainness for which miss conduct of his he hath been tenderly laboured with without the desired effect: for which we have disowned unity with him as a member. Still desiring his return through amendment of life — Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting
By Eliza Farnum clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Smithfield the 27th of 3rd m^o 1800

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Uxbridge
Beloved Friends — Our friend Caleb Hall
having removed to live within the verge of your meeting and requested our certificate they are to certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and hath been exemplary while with us in the attendance of meeting as in good degree so through the other parts of his life and conversation hath settled his affairs to satisfaction and don't find but he is clear of Marriage engagements amongst us as such we recommend him to your friendly care desiring his growth in the truth. — Signed in and on behalf of said meeting
by Zadok Smith clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge State
of Massachusetts Men: England

Dear friends — Esck Aldrich having re-
ided here as an apprentice for some time and now
returned requests our Certificate these may certify
on his behalf that is a member of our Society & by
inquiry it appears that his life and conversation
was was in a good degree orderly a Diligent attendee
of meetings and clear of marriage engagements as
such we recommend him to your Christian care and
oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting
held at Jericho 15th of 5th month 1800

By Samuel Willis Clerk

From our Monthly - Meeting of Friends held
Uxbridge 27th 6th mth 1800 — To the Month-
ly Meeting of friends at Swansea

Beloved Friend — This meeting was informed
that Suffern Chase J^r was gone to serve an
apprenticeship within the verge of your meeting
these may certify on his behalf that he is a mem-
ber of our meeting as such we recommend him
to your Christian care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our above said
meeting By Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly - meeting of friends held at
Uxbridge 27th of 6th mth 1800

To the Monthly meeting at Providence

Dear Friends — Daniel Aldrich informed
this meeting that he had placed his son Asahel

to serve an apprenticeship within the verge of your meeting and requested our Certificate on his behalf these may certify that he is a member of our meeting as such we recommend him ~~to~~ to your Christian care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting
By Moses Farnum Clerk

Mordica Farnum who was a member of our Society hath in several instances of misconduct withdrawn himself from the unity of his friends; particularly in the nonattendance of our religious meetings and departing from plainness of dress and address and he being laboured with therefore and a season of waiting on him for his amendment but there not appearing in him any reformation with regard to his conduct we have denied unity with as a member untill he may make satisfaction for his former outgoings

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 1st of 3rd month 1800

By Moses Farnum Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Dear Friends Whereas Samuel Head long since removed from us and settled within the verge of your monthly meeting and there appeared some obstruction of his having a Certificate notwithstanding we have to inform you that at our last monthly meeting we received a copy of a minute from our yearly meeting where by it appears that said meeting hath reinstated him into membership in our Society as such we recommend him the said Samuel Head to your Brotherly care and oversight and conclude in Love your Brethren and Sisters

Signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st of the 9th mo. 1800

By

Daniel Braxton Clerk
Mary Earl Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends at Uxbridge
the 19th of 4th mo. — To the Monthly meeting of
friends at Danby — Beloved friends we hereby
we hereby inform that Thankful Walker wife of J. Walker
and their children Sumners, Wm, Anna, Elizabeth &
Ishebe are members of our Society whom we recommend
to you desiring your care towards them Signed in & on behalf
of the above said Monthly Meeting

By Moses Tarnum Clerk
Lydia Smith Clerk

All a yearly meeting of friends held on Rhode
Island for New England from the 15th of 8th mo. to the
1st of the same inclusive 1800

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting having
reported that they apprehended a division of that meeting
into two Quarterly meetings would be of advantage but
not proposing a line of division and the subject not
appearing sufficiently ripe to decide upon at this time
Jesiah Chapin Junr, Caleb Greene (Moderator), William
Bacon, John Bailey, Jos King, William Anthony, John
Tabor & Samuel Collins are appointed to visit that
meeting and the several monthly meetings of which it
is composed and report their sense and judgment
to this meeting next year both respecting the division
and the time thereof including times & places of holding
said meetings & any other matter appertaining thereto if a
division of said Quarterly Meeting shall appear ~~eligible~~
eligible to them

It is agreed by this yearly meeting that the
present state of education of the rising generation
among Friends calls loudly for their renewed engagement
and more serious attention that one School at least
ought to be set up within every monthly meeting belong-
ing to this yearly meeting to be under the care and
direction of the monthly meeting & to be adapted
as suitably as may be ^{to the} situation and number of children

and to the ability of friends in each collecting
and it is further recommended that any Monthly collecting
who upon due and weighty consideration shall apprehend
that they are not of ability of themselves to set up a
School that they recommend and open a subscription
towards the setting up and supporting a school and
that they send up an account of their proceedings there-
in with the amount of their subscription to the
Quarterly collecting to which they belong which
Quarterly collecting is desired to aid such Monthly
meeting in setting up schools by their advice and
which Quarterly meeting may nevertheless if they judge
it most conducive to end in it join two or more
monthly meetings in the maintenance and support of
a common school. And if more assistance shall be
needed from any Quarterly collecting than they are able
to defray without unreasonably burthening themselves
that such Quarterly meeting make application to our
next yearly collecting carefully sending up an account
of their proceedings with the amount of assistance applic-
ed to any collecting or collectings whether the same with
the amount of the sum over what they may have discharg-
ed or may feel themselves of ability and freedom to dis-
charge to the intent that this meeting may take measures
in order to discharge the same. And the several
Quarterly and monthly meetings are desired to pay
particular regard to our Discipline respecting schools.
And the Meeting for sufferings are desired to
take into their consideration the subject of raising
proportion of the publick Taxes for the support of
schools and to take such measures for obtaining the
same for ^{the} support of friends schools as way may
open to them they may think fit and that any Monthly
collecting who may see their way clear may in the
mean time be at liberty to apply to the Authority of
Town or Towns wherein their members live for the
same

And Friends are desired to send an account of their progress in this important concern to our next yearly meeting. —

This Meeting concludes to raise four hundred dollars to supply the treasurer for the year ensuing of which Rhode-Island Quarterly collecting proportion is two hundred dollars —

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.

W^m C. My Clerk to the meeting this year

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield the 4th of 10th month 1830

The foregoing Extracts from our last yearly meeting was received & read at this time & claim the united attention of friends on each monthly meeting is requested to pay suitable attention thereto

We appoint Eliza Thornburn Richard Conway Joseph Weeks Benjamin Pease Thomas Watson Joseph Brown John Deffen Sprail Taber & Samuel Thurston a committee of this meeting to aid and assist the monthly meeting as may may open and to report to this meeting in their next mt. next —

The apportionment of this and the yearly meeting stock is left for clerk and assistant to apportion as heretofore —

Woburn Monthly Meetings proportion of yearly meetings stock is Twenty Dollars and this meetings stock Ten Dollars

Extracted from the minutes aforesaid

Obadiah Brown Clerk

From our monthly meeting of Friends of Uxbridge
To the monthly meeting of Friends of Danby
Beloved Friends

We hereby certify you on behalf
of Walter Walker who we understand has resided some
time among you: that he is a member of our Society and
upon inspection do not find but that he hath settled his
outward affairs to satisfaction amongst us as such we
recommend him to your brotherly care and remain
your friends. — Signed in and by direction of
our monthly meeting held the 28th of 11th mo. 1800

By Eliza Tarnum Clk

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at
Uxbridge in the 10th mo. 1800

I have to let you know my present state
of mind respecting my past conduct which at times
has been unadvised in a particular manner in that of
unnecessarily attending places of publick and when at
those places have gested of spiritous liquors at
times to a degree of excess and intoxication and having
of late given way to intemperance of this kind the con-
sideration of which has awakened my conscience so as
to keep a desire and resolution to avoid the evil thereof
and the way that leads thereto wherefore I desire
you my friends to pass by my offences and continue me
a member

David Gaskell

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Saratoga
Dear Friends — After our salutation of love we in-
form that Willis Aldrich some years past in his minority
went from us into a remote part of your meeting, there has
of late been a request exhibited to our meeting for a certificate
on his behalf, this may certify that he is a member of our
Society as such we recommend him to your christian care

and oversight this being the needful we remain your friends
and brethren. — Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly
Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 30th of the 1st mo. 1861
By Moses Tarnum clerk

To Friends of New York yearly Meeting where
they may come — Dear Friends —

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Horrich having
expressed a concern in this meeting which he hath had
on his mind for some time to make a religious visit
to friends and others in your parts as may may open

These are therefore to certify on his behalf
that he is a member and minister in good esteem with
us, his life and conversation in good measure corresponding
with his profession and we with the concurrence of the many
meeting feel united with him in his concern, do recommend
him to divine protection and your Christian care and
sympathy, desiring when his service is accomplished
he may return to his family and friends with the re-
pose of peace in his own breast. —

Signed in and by our Monthly Meeting of friends
held at Uxbridge in New England the 31st of 1st mo. 1861
By

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| Rachel Papett | Isaac Eddy | Richard Howrey |
| Thankful Batley | Frederick Thonker | Royal Southwick |
| Wm. Thore | Bernard Thonker | Isaac Thore |
| Lydia Smith | Nicholas Batley | Joseph Papett |
| Amey Gaskill | Moses Tarnum | Benjamin Gaskill |
| Lacy (unfaded) | Joseph Cook | Benjamin Gaskill |
| Mary Luther | Isaac Tarnum | Olga Pollock |
| Lydia Horrich | Jonathan Thonker | David Greene |
| Emmie Pollock | William Luther | Benjamin Hardy |
| Frederick Thonker | Ephraim Horrich | Isaac Smith |
| Sarah Congdon | Gideon Howrey | Isaac Horrich |
| Isaac Horrich | | Isaac Chase |
| Isabel Howrey | | David Horrich |
| Ruth Tarnum | | Samuel Horrich jr. |
| | | Joseph Chase |
| | | Paul Horrich |

To the preparative meeting next to be held at Leicester

Beloved Friends

These lines are to inform you that I have of late had sorrowful reflections upon some of my past conduct being sensible of giving way too much to vanity and vain recreations and that for want of a more strict attention to the reproofs of instruction in my own mind in which libertine follies of mind have kept company in a libertine and lewd manner contracted and consummated marriage contrary to good order and advice of my parents and friends all which conduct I condemn as wrong having felt condemnation for the same and desire my friends may pass it by and continue me under the valuable care hoping so to lead my life in future as to bring no reproach upon friends religious testimony

Oliver Arnold

6th 11th 1900

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at
Uxbridge 27th 9th 1901

Jose Lapham had a right of membership in our Society but hath gone contrary to the rules thereof in keeping company with a woman not a member of our Society in order for marriage and we have laboured with him to reclaim him therefrom but he refusing our advice we have therefore disowned unity with him and put him from under our care as a member

Signed in the above said meeting

By Moses Lapham clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Richmond
Darling. Saben and his wife Phebe having removed from us and requested a Certificate to your meeting this may certify on their behalf that they

are members of our Society and on inquiry we do not find but that their affairs are settled as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting held the 28th of 8^{mo} 1801

By Moses Farnum
Lydia Smith

To the next Monthly Meeting of friends to be held at Uxbridge. — Respected friends —

As I had some years past a right of membership in Society but through disobedience to the Spirit of truth in my own mind I went contrary to friends principles in several respects viz in keeping company by way of courtship out of Society, I neglected the due attendance of meeting and did not keep to plainness I disregarded the advice of my Father and friends. All which miss conduct of mine I am sorry for and do condemn and desire friends to pass it by and receive me again as a member

28th of 8^{mo} 1801

Amos Aldrich

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge 28th of 8^{mo} 1802

To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Farnsburg
Dear friends Nicholas Balley and his wife Thankful are about to remove with their Children within the Edge of your Meeting and request our Certificate: these are therefore to Certify on their behalf that they are members of our Society and are of orderly lives and conversation and diligent attenders of meetings: and upon inspection it appears they have settled their affairs to satisfaction. their Childrens names are Lydia,

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Isaiah, Ezra, Hanna, Benjamin, Joseph, and Anan, as
such we recommend them to your Christian Care and
oversight desiring their preservation and growth in the
Truth. we conclude with the salutation of love and
your friends and Brethren signed in and on behalf of our
above said Meeting

By Moses Farnum } (Clerk)
Lydia Smith }

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Horch attended
this meeting on the 4th of 5th mo. last
on a religious visit to Friends, and pro-
duced the concurrence of Wabridge monthly
meeting, which with his company were
amongst us, are to our satisfaction

At Stanford Quarterly Meeting held
3rd of 8th mo. 1801

The Clerk is directed to
transmit a copy of this minute made at
last Quarterly meeting on behalf of our Friend
Daniel Horch to Wabridge monthly
meeting — Taken from the minutes
Tiddeman Hull Clerk

From our monthly meeting of Friends held at
Wabridge 1st of 1st mo. 1802

Eber Southwick had a right of membership
in our society but hath deviated from the prin-
ciples of Truth thereof in several respects
viz. hath for a considerable time wholly neg-
lected the attendance of our religious meetings,
in a diffident struck a man, and hath departed
from

rom plainess; and we having laboured with him, without the desired effect

We have therefore disowned unity with him and put him from under our care as a member

Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid meeting

By Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge 20th of 5th mo. 1802

To the Monthly Meeting at Saratoga
Dear Friends. We have to inform you that Joseph
Morris is about to remove within the verge of your
Monthly Meeting and Requests our certificate. We may
certify on his behalf that he is a member of our society
and is of an orderly life & conversation and upon inquiry
we do not find but that he has settled his outward affairs to
satisfaction. And as such we recommend him to your
Christian care and oversight. Signed in and by order of
our said Monthly Meeting. By Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
the 20th of 5th mo. 1802 - To the Monthly Meeting
of Friends at Saratoga - Dear Friends We have to
inform you that Joseph Morris is about to remove
within the verge of your Monthly Meeting and Requests
our certificate. We may certify on his behalf that he
is a member of our society and is of an orderly life and
conversation & we do not find but he has settled his outward
affairs to satisfaction and upon inquiry it appears
that he is clear of marriage engagements - And as
such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight -
Signed in and by order of our said monthly
meeting By Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Bolton 20th of
4th mo. 1802 - To the Monthly
Meeting of Uxbridge Jonathan Fry having gone

to reside within the verge of your Monthly Meeting and has requested our certificate now therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our society of an orderly life and exemplary life and conversation and as such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight — Signed in and by order of said meeting by Daniel Wheeler Clerk

From our Quarterly meeting held at Easton
y^e 17th of 2^d Mo 1802

To the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Dear Friend these may inform that our beloved friend Daniel Aldrich in the course of his religious visit through our parts the last season visited most of the meetings belonging to this meeting in which it appears that his labours in the love of the gospel as well as his exemplary conversation and innocent deportment were acceptable to Friends — Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly meeting aforesaid
By Joseph Boone Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge y^e 30th of 4th mo 1802 — Daniel Southwick hath had a right of membership in our society but hath gone contrary to the rules and orders thereof in keeping company with and marrying a woman not a member of our society & we having laboured with him to dissuade him therefrom he not taking our advice we have disowned unity with him and put him from under our care as a member.

Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid meeting
By Gideon Morry assistant Clerk

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Extracts from the ~~yearly~~ minutes of the Yearly
meeting of Friends, held on Rhode Island in 6th
month 1801 — By the reports from the several
Quarterly meetings it appears that the ~~state~~ concern of
this meeting relative to the establishment of schools under
the care of monthly meetings has claimed some attention in
Friends minds divers schools have been established under the
care of Friends & a prospect of some others being opened - yet
we are sorrowfully affected by the information that some in-
stances have occurred even where schools were established by
monthly meetings that some friends have been inat-
tentive not only to the concern of the Body on this subject
but we fear to the precious dictates of Truth in their own minds
as to send their Children to public or other improper schools
where their tender minds are exposed to suffer loss - Under
these impressions we are concerned to exhort all in profession
with us, deeply to consider the important duty we owe to
our beloved offspring whose minds it is incumbent upon us
to watch over with all diligence that they be trained up
in the nurture & admonition of the Lord and in further desire
that Friends may be encouraged not only to labor in the
ability afforded in the spirit of Brotherly affection & meekness
to prevent such inadvertence in future but also with
fervency and hope persevere in endeavours to effect the
object of this meeting's concern as far as ~~our~~ our individual
circumstances may allow & by no means admit the con-
sideration that the sacrifices of those outward favours in-
trusted to our Stewardship should be put in competition
with the all important object of the present and eternal
welfare of our beloved Children, and each Quarterly
meeting is requested to report their progress therein
next year

The Committee appointed last year
made the following report -

To the yearly meeting
to be held in the 6th month next - We the committee
appointed at last yearly meeting to consider of the
division of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting have attended
thereto and most of us visited most of the monthly meetings
in said Quarter together with the Quarterly meeting
and after endeavouring waitily to consider thereof it is

our sense and judgement that advantage may arise from the following division, viz, That the monthly meetings of Smithfield, Uxbridge, Bolton & Richmond be set off from Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting & that they constitute one by the name of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting & that it be held as follows viz, at Smithfield the 5th day before the 2nd sixth day in the 2nd fifth & 11th months, and at Bolton the 5th day before the 3rd sixth day in the 5th month & that when said meetings are held at Smithfield there be no public meeting held there on that account — and that Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting heretofore held at Smithfield in the 10th month be held at Providence at the same time that it was held at Smithfield, and the other times of holding Rhode-Island Quarters be at the same times and places as heretofore —

Smithfield 10th of 10th mo 1800

Signed on behalf of the committee By } John Bailey
Sarah Otis

which is accepted and the division therein proposed is adopted and it is concluded that the two Quarterly meetings of Rhode-Island & Smithfield be held at the times and places therein proposed and if it appears to them that any alteration either in time or place for holding them would be more agreeable they are requested to inform the Yearly meeting thereof next year — and we appoint Cornelius Howland, Isaac Lawton, Ebi Davis, Moses Brown and Wm Welch go to set with friends at the opening of the new Quarterly meeting. This meeting concludes to raise five Hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year of which Rhode-Island Quarterly meetings proportion is two Hundred Dollars which they are desired to forward to our treasurers with an account thereof to our next yearly meeting —

Each Quarterly meeting is at liberty to appoint not exceeding four friends members of the meeting for suffering.

Wm Welch Jr Clerk to the meeting this year

The Quarterly meeting of Smithfield having proposed that their meeting in the 5th m^o be held at Leicester instead of Smithfield — It is ~~accepted~~ acceded to and it is concluded accordingly to be held at Leicester on the 5th day before the 2^d sixth day in the 5th month —

Most of the Quarterly meetings in their account inform that some progress has been made in regard to establishing schools agreeable to the Recommendation of this meeting the unabated Dilligence and attention of Friends in earnestly and affectionately recommended to this desirable object of the important and guarded Education of our youth that the same may be ^{carried} still further into effect agreeable to our Discipline and the advice of this meeting last year —

The yearly meeting have concluded to raise five Hundred Dollars — Smithfield Quarterly meeting is requested to forward to our treasurers \$50 their proportion of this years stock and an account thereof to our next yearly meeting —

Extracted from the minutes of our yearly meeting held on Rhode-Island in the 6th m^o 1802 —

By Obadiah Davis Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Abingdon 26th of 3^d m^o 1802 Whereas Royal Jaff. son of Benjamin who was a member of our society having joined the militia in training repugnant to our testimony after having laboured with him thereupon without the desired effect disown unity with him as a member signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting by Moses Tarnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Wabridge 30th of 4th m^o 1802 — Whereas Hosea Gaskill has been a member of our society but giving way to a libertine spirit has deviated from our principals in attending places of merriment & dancing at times going therein

and has been partner in having a husking where
 was several gallons of spirituous liquors expended &
 closed with fiddling and dancing, has used profane
 language we have laboured with him for his help
 and reformation but he disregarding our advice, we have
 denied him as a member yet desire his return. Signed
 in and on behalf of our above said meeting

By Gideon Morrye Assistant Clerk

Olney Aldrich was a member of our religious
 society but in conduct has manifested a disposition contrary
 to the principles professed by us in several respects viz,
 plainness of dress behaviour and language and in the neglect
 of attending our religious meetings & has attended places
 of merriment and dancing & being laboured with by society in
 order to reclaim him from those pernicious habits but
 he manifesting no disposition to amend we therefore have
 denied unity with him as a member and testify against his
 conduct & disposition of mind in the above particulars
 given forth by our monthly meeting in Uxbridge 30th of
 4th m^o 1802 — Signed in and by direction of our above
 said meeting by Gideon Morrye Assistant Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 29th of 10th m^o 1802 — To the monthly meeting
 of Friends at East Hoosack Dear friends, Jacob Morison
 hath requested our certificate these are to testify that he
 is a member amongst us and upon enquiry do not find
 but that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction,
 and is clear of marriage engagement amongst us as far
 as appears, as such we recommend him to your
 Christian care and oversight — Signed in and on behalf
 of the above said meeting By Moses Farnum Clerk

From our monthly meeting of Friends held at
Uxbridge 25th of 2nd mo 1803 To the monthly
meeting of at East-horseshoe

Dear friends
Jacob Aldrich & his wife & Melitah & their
daughters Melite have removed from us within
the verge of your meeting & requested our
certificate to you that they are to certify they are
members of our society and on inspection we think
their affairs are settled to satisfaction as such
we recommend them to your Christian care
and oversight — and remain your Friends
Brethren and sisters — Signed in our above
meeting By

Moses Farmen } Clerk
Lydia Smith }

From our Monthly Meeting held at Somersford
for Swarby 7th of 3rd mo 1803 To the Monthly Meeting
of Friends at Uxbridge — Dear Friends — We hereby
inform that Howland Slead and his wife Mary have
lately removed within the compass of your Monthly
Meeting and requested our certificate for that purpose
upon which we certify that they are members of
our society Meeting. They having settled their outward
affairs to satisfaction as far as appears as such we
recommend them together with their children (namely
Triphena, Ruth, Joseph and Stephen Slead, to your
care and oversight Signed in & by direction of our
above Meeting by

Daniel Brayton } Clerk
Mary Call }

From our Monthly Meeting held at Somersford for Swarby
7th of 3rd mo 1803 To the Monthly meeting of Friends at
Uxbridge — Dear Friends — We hereby inform
that Stephen Slead and his wife Dorcas have lately
removed within the compass of your of your Meeting

and requested our Certificate for that purpose upon which we certify that they are members of our meeting and in unity, he being an approved minister, they having settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, therefore we recommend them together with their Minor Daughters Dorcas, to your ~~charitable~~ care and oversight, with desires for their preservation & Signed in and by direction of our above meeting

By Daniel Brayton Clerk,
Mary East

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Walsby
29th of 4th Mo 1803 — To the Monthly Meeting of
Friends at Bolton — Dear Friends, Jonathan Fry
& Sarah his wife being about to remove within
the compass verge of your meeting & requesting
our Certificate, these are to certify on their
behalf that they are members of our society, of orderly
lives and conversations & pretty steady attenders
of meetings, & we do not find but their outward
affairs are settled to satisfaction as such we
recommend them to your christian care and
oversight — Signed in & by direction of our
above meeting by
Moses Farnum }
Lydia Smith } Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield the 31st of 1st mo. 1800 —
To the monthly meeting of friends at Walsby
Our friends Daniel Hill & Dorcas Hilley his wife having
removed within the compass of your monthly meeting &
requesting our certificate these are therefore to certify
inform you on this behalf that they are members of our
society & on enquiry don't find but they have settled

this affair to satisfaction

Sign'd in and by order of said meeting

by

Isaiah Smith

Elizabeth Smith

Clerks

To the Monthly Meeting in the 5th mo next
Respected Friends, having some time past deviated
from the path of rectitude in that I gave way
to drink so much of spirituous liquors as to be
intoxicated therewith for which I am very sorry
and I desire my friends to pass by my miscon-
duct therein & I hope for the future to be more
cautious and preserved from falling

Douglas 22nd of 5th mo 1803

Noah Adcock

At The Committee appointed to consider some
of the Queries recommend that the following
be adopted instead of the 2^d, 3^d, & 8th Queries which
is agreed to and those alterations are directed to be
inserted in all our books of discipline and separate
queries

Query 2nd Is love and unity maintained amongst
you, and detraction guarded against, and when
any differences arise are endeavours used speedily
to end them

3. Are friends careful to bring up those under their
direction in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel
to restrain them from reading pernicious books
and the corrupt conversation of the world, are they
good examples herein themselves and are the holy
scriptures frequently read in their families

8th Are friends careful to inspect their affairs & settle
their accounts whist in health and are publick gifts
and legacies applied to the use intended by the donors

The yearly meeting having concluded to raise
 \$ 500 the ensuing year Smithfield Quarterly Meeting
 is requested to forward \$ 50 their proportion to
 our treasurer and an acc^t thereof to our next
 yearly meeting — Extracted from the minutes
 of our yearly meeting held on Rhode Island by ad-
 journments from the 13th to the 19th of 6th mo: 1803
 by Abiah Davis Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Wabridge the 1st of 4th Mo 1803 —

Whereas Anthony Stead who hath had a right of
 membership in our society having for a long time
 almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious
 meetings, doth not keep to plainness of speech and habit
 and hath for several years been in the practice of training
 when called upon and hath been in the practice of as-
 sociating with vain and unprofitable libertine company
 at places of merriment he hath been labored with and
 long waited on for his return & amendment of life with-
 out the desired affect this may testify that we have
 denied unity with him as a member untill he shall
 make satisfaction for his outgoings —

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting

by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Wabridge
 29th of 4th Mo 1803 — This is to inform that Dan:
 Gaskit who has had a right of membership in our Religious
 Society has for a considerable time deviated from the
 principles we profess in partaking or too freely of
 spirituous liquor and of late several times to a considerable
 degree of intoxication We have labored with him in order
 that he might see and feel a necessity to be more guarded
 against that weakness and the company that lead thereto
 but he not appearing willing to take our advice We have
 disowned him as a member yet desire he may be favored
 to return & do away the reproach he has brought upon
 our testimony — Signed in & on behalf of the abovesaid
 meeting, by

Moses Farnum Clerk

All Providence ^{monthly} meeting held at Smithfield the
27th of 10th month 1802

This meetg recd a few lines of infor-
- mation from Uxbridge Monthly meeting respecting
Asahael Abiel which is committed to the over-
- seers they to report in the case at next month

The overseers informed this meeting that they
had examined our records respecting Asahael Abiel
and find by them a minute of the reception of a
certificate from Uxbridge Monthly meeting on
his behalf dated 27th of 6th mo: 1800 & recd by
this meeting in the 9th mo: following and that
an examination has also been made among this
meeting's papers for the Certificate but they have not
been able to find it, they are nevertheless of opinion
that from the nature of the Complaint, that Uxbridge
monthly meeting are the most suitable meetg to
deal with the said Asahael Abiel in order to convince
him of his misconduct & induce him to make
a satisfactory acknowledgement, but if not to testify
against him agreeable to discipline, it appearing that
he went home from this meeting in the 10th or 11th 1800
& has not since returned. That meeting is requested to
take the necessary care respecting the same as is
undoubtedly their right if he was properly our mem-
ber the transgression being in that meeting
& the Clerk is directed to furnish Uxbridge meeting
with a Copy of this and the former minute on
the same subject

Copy extracted from
the minutes of Providence monthly meeting held
in the 10th & 11th months 1802

by Peziah Brown Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at
 Abingdon 25th of 2nd mo: 1803 —

Whereas Nathaniel Abrieth of Douglas hath had
 a right of membership in our society but not
 being willing to conform and live agreeable to our
 principles, hath given way and fell into many
 hurtful things in particular dress & address and pre-
 -tending much neglect, the attendance of religious meetings,
 attending places of merriment and dancing and joining
 with them therein and hath been quarreling & fighting
 with one of his fellows for all which we have
 laboured with him in order to shew him the evil
 of such a way of living and after all our advice
 and admonition he still chuses to live in that
 way which separates from us therefore we disown
 unity with him as a member of our society

Signed in and on behalf by direction of our above
 said meeting by Moses Tarnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Abingdon
 1st of 4th mo: 1803 — Ezra Southwick son of
 Joseph has had a right of membership in our society but
 has gone contrary to the rules & orders thereof in several
 respects; viz, has attended a training; has used profane
 language; has neglected the due attendance of our religious
 meetings; has departed from plainness of dress and language
 & is keeping company by way of courtship with a woman
 contrary to the order of our society; for which transgressions
 of his we have laboured with him to reclaim him
 therefrom; but he refusing our advice and chusing to
 follow his own ways we have disowned unity with him
 as a member & Signed in and on behalf of our above said
 meeting by Moses Tarnum Clerk

From our monthly meeting of Friends held at
 Uxbridge 1st of 7th mo 1803 — Whereas Jonathan
 Bowen hath had a right of membership in our religious
 society but through inattention to the spirit of truth in
 his own heart hath neglected the attendance of our religious
 meetings and hath departed from plainness of speech &c. he
 hath attended trainings and places of merriment and dancing
 and hath used profane language and is keeping company
 with one not of our society in view for marriage for which
 which conduct of his we have laboured with him to bring
 him to a sense of the evil of his ways but he refusing
 our advice & appearing in an unsuitable state of mind
 to make satisfaction for his misconduct we have
 denied unity with him as a member — Signed in
 by order of our aforesaid meeting by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at
 Uxbridge 29th of 7th mo 1803 —
 Moses Southwick having had a right of member-
 ship in our religious society but for want of attending
 to the dictates of truth in his own heart he has gone
 contrary to our principles in attending a training as
 a spectator, has departed from plainness of speech & hath
 neglected the attendance of our religious meetings for
 which we have laboured with him to convince him
 of the evil of his ways thereof without the desired
 effect we have therefore disowned him as a member of
 our society — Signed in & on behalf of our aforesaid
 meeting by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
 25th of 11th mo 1803 — At the mo. meeting of
 friends at Salem Dear friend Joseph Watson hath
 remained within the compass of your meeting there we
 to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our
 society and on enquiry it appears he has settled his
 affairs to satisfaction & is clear of marriage engage-

ments as such we recommend him to your
Christian care and oversight
Signed in and by one of our above said meetings by
Hester Tinsman Clerk

Boston 8th mo 20th 1803. To the monthly meeting
of Friends held at Uxbridge. Respected friends & brethren
I take this opportunity simply to communicate
to you the sincere feelings of my heart in regard to
my past conduct. after long transgressing the laws of
my maker and endeavouring to drown the divine
witness in my own breast, I find myself incumbered
with shame & guilt, I find all my endeavours & progress
after happiness in a life of transgression, to fall far short
of that consolation which my soul thirsteth for. I have
often been ready as it were to take my pen in hand in
order to try to make satisfaction to you for the accusation
justly alleged against me for deviating from the rules of
our Society, but the enemy of souls would overcome & destroy
all my resolutions but I trust at this time that I am
in some degree sensible of the necessity there is in living
a religious life, and have for me resolutions which I hope
through the mercy of God I shall be enabled to support. I
shall ever have cause to be thankful for the kind treatment
and good counsel I have received from you, and I further
desire you to overlook my former misconduct and let me
remain a member among you.
This from your Friend
Joseph Watson

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in
Somerset for Swansey the 2nd of the 1st month 1854
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Uxbridge Dear friends
Ruffern Chase has removed from amongst us and gone to
reside within the verge of your Monthly Meeting &
requested our certificate these have to certify on his behalf that
he is a member of this meeting and nothing appears but
that his outward concerns are settled to satisfaction and he
clear of marriage engagements amongst us and as such we
recommend him to your Christian care

Signed in and by direction of said meeting by

Samuel Brayton } Clerk
Mary East

Four of the committee appointed at last Quarters to
consider of & propose boundary lines between the monthly
Meetings belonging to this Quarter made the following
Report (viz) Agreeable to appointment we have considered
of a line between Uxbridge and Richmond Monthly Meetings
and are of opinion that beginning at Thrensbury line
on the turnpike road & following Sth road through
Wheatley, Kilsen, Rutland and Watwick & from thence
by the great road to Belchertown & so on to Connecticut
River will be the best dividing line at present: and
between Uxbridge & Coton at the same place on Thrensbury
line to extend to Grafton Meeting House & from
thence ^{to Northborough meeting house} the greatest road to the verge of Salem Quarterly
Meeting - - And no objection appearing in this
meeting S^d Report is accepted and the lines therein

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proposals are adopted. the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Uxbridge, Rich mond & Kotten Monthly meetings —
Extracted from the minutes of a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at 8 Fox Smiths the 9th of 2nd mo 1804 by Neph Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 29th of 7th mo 1804 In the monthly meeting of friends at Fox Smiths our friend Joseph Smith and his wife Maria having given an account to your with their daughter Maria, and requested our certificate they are to certify that they are members of our church and in good degree of orderly lives and conversation & pretty closely attending to meetings & when inquiring we do not find but their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight Signed in and by order of our above meeting by

Wm Farnum } Clerk,
Lydia Smith. }

The within named Israel Arnold having served the term of his Apprenticeship, and returned we hereby certify that during his stay with us he retained his right of membership and on enquiring it appears that his outward affairs are so far settled that there is no objection to his having the above certificate Signed by order of Greenwich Monthly meeting held at Cranston the 3rd of 9th mo 1804 Beriah Collins Clerk

To Uxbridge M^o meeting

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at
 Uxbridge ye 26th of 8th mo 1803 — Whereas Adolphus
 Daniels of Uxbridge hath had a right of membership
 in our society but has deviated from the rules thereof
 in several respects, viz, has departed from plainness has
 neglected the due attendance of our religious meetings has
 attended a training as a spectator and
 has married out of the order of friends our society &
 we have laboured with him to reclaim him from
 his misconduct but he refusing our advice we have
 therefore disowned unity with him as a member
 Signed on behalf of our abovesaid meeting by
 Moses Farnum Clerk

From our monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
 30th of 12 mo 1803 — Whereas Adolphus Daniels hath
 had a right of membership in our religious society but
 he having been light and airy and in conversation used
 profane language, attended places of merriment in vanity
 and has been at a training as a spectator and doth not
 keep to plainness for which conduct of he hath been
 laboured with by his friends but he refusing their
 advice and appearing in an unfavourable state of mind
 to make satisfaction for his misconduct we have
 denied unity with him as a member
 Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by
 Gideon Mowry assistant clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at
 Uxbridge 29th of 6th mo 1804 — Amasa Eddy who hath
 had a right of membership in our religious society but
 he having chosen the way of liberty hath therein
 gone contrary to the rules established among us in
 marrying out of our society and attending a training

as a spectator and hath not kept to plainest according to the order used amongst us, for which conduct of his he hath been laboured with by his friends in order to bring him to a sense of his error without the desired effect he appearing to justify his own way, we have therefore disowned him as a member of our society.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by
Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting held at Uxbridge 28th of 12th mo: 1804 - George Southwick son of John hath had a right of membership in our religious society hath taken the liberty of keeping company with a young woman by way of courtship not of our society and made public his intention of marriage contrary to the rules established amongst us for which conduct of his we have disowned unity with him as a member of our society - Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at Bolton 5th mo 30th 1804 - To the monthly meeting of Uxbridge beloved friends Obadiah Wheeler & as member of our meeting informed us that he was about to remove within the verge of your meeting with his family & requested our certificate that they may certify on their behalf that they are members of our society his wife's name is Ann, she is an elder, the children's names are Obadiah, Benja, Stephen, Thomas, Joseph, Hannah & Miriam, they have settled their outward affairs amongst us as far as appear, we recommend them to your christian care and oversight, with desires for their preservation, & conclude your friends Signed in and by order of said meeting
by Abel Houghton }
Sarah Fry } Clerk

The committee appointed in the 9th mo last year to inspect into the utility of David Brayton & wife's being set off from this monthly meetg to the monthly meetg of Uxbridge, reported a minute from that meeting, which meeting the approbation of this meetg, they and their children Hannah, Mary and Rufus Whales - are so set off, as to be left at liberty as to attend Uxbridge monthly meetg as members thereof, & the clerk is directed to give them a copy of this minute - Extracted from the minutes of monthly meeting held at Providence the 28th of 9th mo 1802. — by Oliver Brown Clerk

The Committee to take into consideration the general state of society, having considered the subject of revising the queries, and have submitted to this meeting, as their judgement, that the introductory recommendation usually read preceding the queries, may safely be omitted in future, unless circumstances render it necessary, and that women friends, in their meetings need not read or answer that part of the seventh query respecting the payment of Priest wages, bearing of arms, training or other military matters. — And that the following be substituted for the ninth query, viz. are friends careful to maintain our testimony faithfully against slavery, which after ~~after~~ deliberate consideration is adopted; & those attendance are directed to be inserted in all our books of discipline. — This meeting was concluded to raise \$500 the ensuing year, the Quarterly meetg of Smithfield is directed to forward to this meeting treasurers \$50 and an account thereof to this meeting. — Extracted from the minutes of our 9th mo meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournment.

ment from the 11th to the 13th of the mo.
included - 1804 - by Maria Davis Clerk

At the monthly meeting with the concurrence
of a majority, propose the following alterations in the
boundary lines between their society and a neighboring
viz, from Joshua Buffum's outwards to his house &
from Joshua to George Ingers George to belong to
Webster, thence to Ruben Walling, thence to Chapel
Street thence to George Brown, thence south to
Connecticut turn, which after consideration is agreed
to, & the Clerk is directed to furnish the above said meeting
card, with a copy of this minute - Extract from
the minutes of a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at
Bottom for a month the 16th of 8th mo. 1804 -
by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our monthly meeting of friends held at Webster
2nd mo 1st 1805 To the monthly meeting at Eastbrook
Dear friends Ebenezer Aldrich & wife Isabel have
removed within the verge of your meeting & request
our certificate these are to certify on their behalf that
they are members of our society, measurably of orderly
lives and conversations & pretty steady attenders of meetings
& it appearing that they have settled their outward
affairs to satisfaction. Their children's names are
Hannah, Philip, Eliza & Letty, as such we recommend
them to your Christian care and oversight
(Signed in & on behalf of our above said meeting
by Moses Farnum) Clerk
Lydia Smith

To the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge.

Beloved Friends. There may serve to inform that sorrow affliction & condemnation has been the just reward to me for some of my conduct, there being an illegitimate child laid to my charge which act of incontinency I do not deny and having found in some degree I hope that a guilty conscience through repentance may find forgiveness I therefore earnestly desire that friends may pass by my misconduct & continue me under their watchful care as a member, hoping so to lead my life in future as to bring no further reproach upon their religious testimony —

Leicester 1st month 26th 1804 — Jonathan Earle

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge 28th of 12th mo 1804

Paul Adrich who hath been a member of our ^{religious} society hath so far fallen from our religious ^{testimony} ~~society~~ ~~hath so far fallen~~ from our religious testimony by giving way to his own lust as to commit the act of incontinency, for which vile conduct of his we have disowned unity with him as a member of our society, yet it is our desire that he may be found in humble intercession for himself that he may find reconciliation with his maker. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge 3rd mo 1st 1804 — To the Monthly meeting at Bolton. Dear Friend Josiah Shove jr has removed within the verge of your meeting & requested a certificate from us to you, they may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our society measurably of an orderly life and conversation & upon enquiry do not find but his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction, & is clear of marriage engagements among us, as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight signed in & on behalf of our above said meeting by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 2^d Mo 29th 1805 To the monthly meeting at East
 Hoosack - Dear friend, John Bowen & wife
 Thebe have removed within the verge of your
 monthly meeting & request our certificate these
 are to certify on their behalf that they are mem-
 bers of our society, of orderly lives and conversation,
 and pretty steady attenders of meetings & upon
 inspection it appears they have settled their outward
 affairs to satisfaction, their childrens names are
 Dorcas, Thebe, Tardor, Ephraim & Isaac, as such we
 recommend them to your christian care and oversight
 Signed in & on behalf of our above said meeting

By Moses Farnum Clerk
 Lydia Smith

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 31st of 5th Mo 1805 - To the Monthly Meeting of
 Friends at Smithfield. Dear friend Enoch Southwick
 & Wily his wife have removed from us and settled within
 the compass of your meeting these are therefore to certify
 that they and their Daughter Lydia are members
 of our society - and on enquiry it appears he has settled
 his affairs to satisfaction - With desires for their growth
 in the truth we conclude and remain your friends
 Brethren and sisters - Signed in and by order of our above
 said Meeting by

Moses Farnum
 Lydia Smith } Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 the 27th of the 7th Mo 1805 - To Friends of the Monthly
 parts of the Yearly meeting of New York, Where these may
 come. Our beloved Friend Ha Smith, having laid before

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- This meeting a concern which he has, & which has
been ^{for some time} encreasing on his mind, to make a religious visit
among you; and we having taken the matter into
solid consideration, think best to leave him at liberty
to proceed therein, as truth shall open the way: he
being a member and an approved Minister with
us: We therefore recommend him to your Brotherly
care, desiring his preservation in the truth, and
safe return when his visit is over —

We conclude your friends and brethren,
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting

by Moses Farnum } Clerk,
Lydia Smith }

To Mebridge Monthly Meeting of Friends —

Dear friend — Our esteemed friend A. Smith
attended our Monthly meeting held at Monkton the
4th of 10th Mo and produced your certificate bearing
date the 27th of 7th mo 1804 — with an endorsement
from Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Bolton the
16th of 8th mo following Expressive of his concern to
perform a religious visit to friends in these parts there
are to certify that he hath visited all the meetings
and nearly all the families of friends of this monthly
meeting & his company Deportment & Gospel Labors
of love have been to good satisfaction while amongst
us — Signed in and by direction of our Monthly
meeting of Monkton held the 3th of 8th mo 1805

By Nathaniel Aythorn } Clerk,
Jemima Robinson }

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Uxbridge

Dear Friends. Our esteemed friend Asa Smith attended our Quarterly Meeting in 11th Month last, with a Certificate of concurrence from your meeting dated 27th of 7th month 1804 & has likewise visited nearly all our subordination meetings, as also many families, in all which his company and labors of love have been acceptable to us — Signed in and by order of our Quarterly meeting held at Easton the 13th of 2^d Mo 1805 —

by Elisha Baker }
Hannah Cook } Clerks

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 26th of 7th Mo 1805 — To friends of Eastern Quarterly Meeting and such other parts of New York Yearly meeting where these may come Dear friends — Our beloved friend Daniel Aldrich having laid before this meeting a concern which has been increasing on his mind, to make a religious visit among you; we having taken the matter into solid consideration, leave him at liberty to proceed therein as truth shall open the way; he being a member and minister in unity with us, & we write with him in his ^{present} concern: we therefore recommend him to divine protection, ~~and your~~ and your Brotherly care and sympathy, desiring when his visit is over he may return to his family & friends in peace —

Signed in & on behalf of our above said meeting
by Moses Farnum }
Huldah Mowry } Clerks

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge the 1st of 11th month 1805 — To the monthly meeting of friends at Salem — Dear friend Samuel Snow being placed within the the compass of your meeting as an apprentice these are to certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting as such we recommend him to your christian care
Signed on behalf of our above said meeting by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Webridge
3^d of 11th mo 1805 — To the Monthly meeting of Friends
in the state of New York

Beloved friends Timothy Earle requested a certificate setting forth his cleanness of marriage engagements amongst us and informed that he is about to proceed in marriage with Ruth Hays a member of your meeting this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting and on inquiry appears to be clear of marriage engagements amongst us, he having produced consent of parents — Signed on behalf of our meeting
By Meser Farnum Clerk

At East Hoojuck Monthly Meeting of friends held
3^d of 10th Mo 1805 — Our esteemed friend Daniel Doolittle attended this meeting, with a Certificate of concurrence from Webridge Monthly Meeting bearing date 26th of 7th mo 1805 — with an endorsement thereon from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting dated 15th of 8th month 1805, his company and Labors of Love amongst us have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the ^{above} minute to Webridge Monthly Meeting.

Taken from the minutes Isaac Upton Jr. Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Webridge
26th of 7th Mo 1805 — Benjamin Bowen hath had a right of membership in our religious society but hath so far deviated from the principle of truth which we profess as to neglect the attendance of our religious meetings, depart from plainness & was hired to attend a training to do the duty of a voter for which mis conduct of his he hath been labored with to bring him to a sense of his transgression, without the desired effect, we therefore disown him as a member.

Signed in and on behalf of the above meeting
By Meser Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Uxbridge 27th of 12th Mo. 1805 - To the Monthly
 meeting of friends at East-Hoosock. Beloved friends
 Amasa Chase & his wife Hannah informed us that
 they were about to remove with their family & settle
 within the verge of your monthly meeting and request
 our Certificate for themselves and children. These are there-
 fore to certify on their behalf that they are members
 of our society & orderly in their lives and conversations &
 his wife is an slave in unity with us & upon inspection
 it appears they have settled their outward affairs to satis-
 faction. Their children's names are Hannah and Amasa
 as such we recommend them to your Christian care
 & oversight desiring their preservation & growth in the
 truth. Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting
 by Moses Farnum Clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 27th of 12th Mo. 1805 - To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at
 East-Hoosock. Dear friends Abner Chase informed us that
 he is about to remove & settle within the verge of your
 monthly meeting & requests our Certificate these are to
 certify on his behalf that he is a member of our society
 and measurably orderly in his life & conversation and upon inspec-
 tion it appears he has settled his affairs outward affairs to
 satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagement amongst
 us as such we recommend him to your Christian care
 and oversight desiring his growth and Establishment
 in the truth.

Signed in and on behalf of our above said Meeting
 by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our monthly meeting of Friends, held at Uxbridge
 1st Month 31st 1806 To the monthly meeting of friends
 at Danby Dear friends our friends Asa Smith &
 his wife Lydia informed us that they were about to remove
 over within the verge of your meeting & requested our certificates
 these are therefore to certify on their behalf that they are
 members of our society and orderly and exemplary in their
 lives and conversation and have settled their outward affairs
 to satisfaction and he is an approved minister in unity
 with us as such we recommend them to Divine
 protection & your Christian care and oversight desiring
 their preservation in humility
 Signed in & on behalf of our above S^d Meeting
 by Niles Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge
 1st Month 31st 1806 - To the monthly meeting of friends
 at Swanzy - Dear friends Joseph Earle a minor son
 of Slade Earle late of Leicester deceased, is gone to serve
 an apprenticeship within the verge of your meeting these
 are to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our
 Society as such we recommend him to your Christian
 care and oversight desiring his growth & establishment
 in the truth - Signed in and on behalf of our above
 said meeting by Niles Farnum Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge 27th of
 6th Month 1806 - To the monthly meeting at Smith
 field - Beloved friend Alexander Starbuck with the
 consent of his father hath removed from us within
 the verge of your monthly meeting to serve as

apprenticeship & requested our certificate they
 may therefore certify on his behalf that he is a mem-
 ber of this meeting as such we recommend him
 to your christian care and oversight with desires
 for his growth in the truth. Signed anion behalf
 of said meetg by *Neser Farnsworth*

Northbridge 16th of 2^d Mo 1805 —

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Northbridge
 This is to inform that I have through unwatchfulness
 gone so far contrary to the good and established amongst
 friends as to attend a training to do the duty of a Soldier for
 which I am heartily sorry for hoping that you will
 pass by my former bad conduct & continue me under
 your care *E. S. Scutwick*

To the Monthly meeting of friends at Northbridge — Dear
 friends whereas I have been disowned from among you
 many years since for some of my misconduct particu-
 larly at the moving of a building & of late as well as here-
 before I have been dissatisfied with & can now condemn
 the same & desire you my friends to pass by my said
 misconduct & restore me again into membership with
 you & I hope to be preserved from falling or giving
 friends any further trouble — from your wellwishing
 friend *Harold Throckmorton*
 17th 12th 1805

From one Monthly meeting of Friends at Northbridge
 24th of 2^d Mo 1806 — To the Monthly meeting of friends
 at Northbridge — Beloved Friends — I have Smith & family
 with being about to remove within the verge of your
 meeting with their children request our certificate
 for that purpose since which they have removed. Content
 their eldest daughter being of age & appears to be clear of any
 engagements among us the other names are — Hellen
 Sabra, Estance, & Imay, William & Rebecca — their lines

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are to certify on their behalf that they are all members
of our society and in a good degree of orderly lives, pretty
diligent attenders of our meetings, and upon enquiry nothing
appears but that they ~~may~~ have settled their outward
affairs to satisfaction, as such we recommend them
to your Christian care and oversight with desires for
their preservation & growth in the truth.
Signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting

By Rowland Mathew Clerk
Alice Mathew

From our monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
29th of 2^d mo 1806 - Benjamin Earle who hath had
a right of membership in our religious society for
want of attending to that light of grace which
rightly leadeth people to religious engagements
appears so very indifferent that he much neglects
the attendance of our religious meetings, and in that
situation hath taken the liberty to contract and
consummate marriage contrary to the order used
among friends for which much pains hath been
taken for a long time to excite his attention to that
which we believe would make for his peace and
best interest without the desired effect we have
therefore disowned unity with him as a member
of our society signed in and on behalf of said meeting
by Moses Farnum Clerk

From our monthly meeting held at Uxbridge
for 9th mo 1805 - Whereas James Haskins hath
had a right of membership in our religious society
but he not being taking heed to the manifestation
of the spirit given to every man to profit with all
he hath given way to the too frequent use of

spirituous liquor, hath used profane language & indecent language & entered into some dispute & reproach to friends - he having been much laboured with in love and good will in order to reclaim him & bring him to a right sense of his transgression that he might find peace in his own mind & be more useful in his family but our labours of love hath not had the desired effect - we therefore deny unity with him as a member - Signed on behalf of our above said monthly meeting by Noses Tannum Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Halloway 18th Nov 1806

To the ~~the~~ monthly meeting. Dear friends

James Tannum having removed out of the bounds of our meeting within your jurisdiction our Certificate this we therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Society and on inspection appears clear of marriage engagements amongst us who we recommend to your care and oversight Signed on behalf of the above said meeting by

Noses Tannum Clerk

Agreed for initiating members convinced persons into membership with us - that they appear at a preparative meeting when circumstances will allow it, & request to come unless the care of the Society at the preparative meeting approve the same that they appear at the monthly meeting thereof - which is to be substituted in place of the full part of the minutes of 1806 page 21 - ending with the words to be taken under their care &

The following to be substituted instead of the minutes of 1806 page 21 - it is our sense and judgement that it is improper for Brother children, sister children, half brother children & half sister children to marry

legitimate, or any nearer than a first cousin child
 or if any notwithstanding, shall proceed to marry
 nearer than a first cousin child being previously
 certified and assented against it, that the monthly
 meeting where such belong, give forth a public testi-
 mony and not to receive them into unity again
 untill such meeting are well assured that they
 have found a place of sincere repentance and are
 secured in the truth. The former under the head
 convinced persons and the latter under the head marriage.

Extracts from the minutes of a yearly meeting
 of friends held in New Ipswich in the 5th mo 1806
 by adjournment from the 16th to the 18th of 6th mo 1806 inclusive
 By Abiah Davis Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of men and women
 friends held at Newbridge 29th of 5th mo 1807 -

To the monthly meeting of friends at Smithfield
 Dear friends Daniel Sumner having removed with
 in the lines of your meeting, and requested our testi-
 mony for himself and family these are therefore to
 certify that he with Abigail his wife are measurably
 steady members of our society on inspection it appears
 that their ~~private~~ affairs are settled to satisfaction
 and with their children Hyacinth and Horatia we
 recommend to christian care & oversight —
 Signed in and on behalf of the above said meeting

by Gideon Howry }
 Huldah Howry } Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of men and women
friends held at Haveridge the 21st of 5th mo. 1807

To the monthly meeting of friends at
Smithfield Dear friends Arca Smith and Sarah
his wife having removed within the bounds of
your meeting and requested our certificate for them-
selves and family they being in a good degree
orderly members of our society on inspection it appears
their affairs are settled sufficiently for such a re-
move who we recommend to your care with
their children whose names are Content, Milton,
Sally, Patience, Almey, William and Hannah.
Signed in and on behalf of } Gideon Henry
the above said meeting by } Huldah Henry

To the next meeting of friends to be held at
Haveridge in the 1st month 1807

Respected friends These lines are to inform
you that I have deviated from the principles of
friendship in several respects according to a complaint
presented to you by the overseer and also attended a
General training which conduct at times I am very
sore and desire to be free from such as any other
conduct whereby I may transgress the rules of society
for the future I am from your friend

Benjamin Buffum Jr

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held in Wobridge
 the 27th of 3rd mo 1806 — Beloved friends we are to inform
 that I have desired that friends may pass by my indiscreet
 and retracting & confuting marriage contrary to the
 will of God among them & continue me under their care
 as heretofore
 I speak friends

Whereas Jeremiah Throckmorth has had a right of membership
 in our religious society, but for want of attending to the
 principles of truth as held by us he hath departed from
 plainness, joined in hoop races neglects the attendance of
 our religious meetings, uses profane language, appears in
 a spirit that supplants strife & has married out of the society
 & having been laboured with in order to convince
 him of the evil of his conduct & bring him into a state
 suitable to make satisfaction for the same without
 the desired effect, we therefore disown unity with him
 as a member, signed in & read at our monthly
 meeting of friends held at Wobridge the 26th of 12th mo
 1806 by ————— Joseph Thompson Clerk

~~Our beloved Friend Daniel Throckmorth said before
 this meeting a concern which has for some time att
 ended his mind & of late been encreasing to make
 a religious visit to all the particular meetings of
 friends within the compass of Sandwich Quarters
 meeting; also some few meetings within Rhode-
 Island Quarterly; after solidly considering the subject
 this meeting unites with him therein, he being a
 member & minister in good esteem~~

In the monthly meeting of Wobridge
 Dear Friend, Our Beloved friend Daniel Throckmorth
 attended this meeting our last Quarterly Meeting
 and produced a minute from your meeting;

He also attended most of the particular meetings constituting this: in all which his company and services have been very acceptable.

Signed in & by direction of Sandwich
Quarterly meeting held at Nantucket the
30th of 6th Mo 1807 Wm. Sawyer Wall Clk

To the Monthly meeting of friends next to be
held at Uxbridge esteemed friends knowing that
I have conducted myself inconsistent with our
profession for a number of years past, at times have
given away to passion so as to use harsh conver-
sation to some persons, & associated with unpro-
fitable company, have neglected my duty in the best
service, for all which misconduct I wish my friends
may pass by my ~~misconduct~~ and continue me under their
care, hoping for that future I may so live in future as to
give peace to my own mind & no trouble to my friends.

Burrillville 8th Mo 10th 1807. Daniel Kelly

To Smithfield Monthly meeting

Esteemed friends

Reuben Shove a member of our society has
removed within your meeting. This may certify
on his behalf that he has settled his outward affairs
to satisfaction as such we recommend him to your
watchful care and with desires for his preservation.

Signed in and by order of our monthly meeting
held at Uxbridge 29th of 1st Mo 1808

Gideon Monroy Clk

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
 29th of 1st Mo 1808 To the monthly meeting of
 friends held at Smithfield Dear friends, Wm Luther
 having removed ~~with~~ with his family within the
 bounds of your meeting & request our Certificate these
 are to certify on their behalf that they are members of
 our society & whilst amongst us pretty steady attenders
 of meetings, his wife's name is Mary, his childrens
 names are William, James, Elizabeth, Sarah & Mary
 Luther, and upon enquiry don't find but that his outward
 affairs are settled to satisfaction & as such we recommend
 them to your Christian care & oversight
 Signed in & on behalf of the above sd meeting by
 Gideon Mowry Clk.
 Huldah Mowry

To the monthly meeting of friends at East Hoopon
 Dear friends, Burgess Chase and his wife Rebecca
 having removed from us within the compass of your meetg
 & requested our Certificate these are to certify on their behalf
 that they are members of our society, & upon enquiry do
 not find but they have settled their outward affairs to satis-
 -faction as such we recommend them with their child
 Thomas Chase to your Christian care & oversight
 Signed in & on behalf of our mo. meeting of friends held at
 Uxbridge 26th of 2^d Mo 1808
 Gideon Mowry
 Huldah Mowry (cks)

From our monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
 25th of 9th mo. 1807 - Howland Shead has had a right
 of membership in our religious society, but for want of
 living up to the principles of truth as professed by us he
 has almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious
 meetings associates with unprofitable company & is in
 the too frequent use of spirituous liquors sometimes

to intoxication, we have labored with him to reclaim him therefrom without the desired effect. There are therefore to testify that we have disowned him as a member of our society - Signed in & on behalf of our above said meeting by Gideon Mowry Clerk

From our monthly meeting of friends held at Bolton the 27th of 1st mo. 1808 - To the monthly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge - Josiah Shove Jr a member of our meeting (& formerly of yours) being about to return within the limits of your meeting, has requested our certificate this is to certify on his behalf that he is of an ~~orderly~~ life & conversation diligent in the attendance of meetings, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction & is clear of marriage engagements amongst us & as much we recommend him to your Christian care. Signed in and on behalf of the above said meeting by David Smith, (Clerk)
Hannah Holden

To Uxbridge a Monthly meeting for the 12th mo. 1807 - Beloved friends being fully sensible of my disobeying divine manifestation & disregarding the good order maintained amongst you by not taking up the cross all which sin & unprofitable conduct as though names, hath of late been to my sorrow & hope my past conduct may be mended by future penitence, and desire my friends may pass by my said conduct except of me as members of their society. Joseph Cornish.

To the Monthly meeting of friends at Uxbridge Beloved friends - Willard Thorich a member of our monthly meetings, has remained within the verge of your meeting & requests our certificate. There are therefore to certify on his behalf that an inquiry was made that his affairs were settled to satisfaction.

amongst us, as such we recommend him to your
Christian care and oversight, given forth at our
monthly meeting held at Richmond & signed in
and by order of said meeting by Elijah Haskins Clerk
31st of 3rd mo. 1808

From our Monthly Meeting held at Northbridge
for February 1st of 7th mo. 1808 - To the mo.
meeting of Framington. Beloved friends Bury
& Morris sent to this meeting a paper of acknow-
ledgment condemning his former misconduct for
which he was disowned, which we are satisfied with
provided his sincerity of mind may be to your satis-
faction we therefore refer the business to your
inspection & consideration & if the state & sincerity
of his mind appears to your satisfaction you may
from these lines conduct him as a member of your
monthly meeting - signed in & on behalf of
meeting by Elijah Haskins Clerk

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Salem
Dear friends - a Proposed Squaw & his wife Joanna
have removed within the compass of your meeting
and desire our certificate. These may certify that they
are members of our society, of pretty orderly lives &
conversation & pretty steady attendance of meetings, which
amongst us and upon enquiry do not find but have
settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as we
recommend them together with their children
Lydia & Maria to your Christian care and oversight
signed in and on behalf of a monthly meeting of
Friends held at Northbridge 29th of 7th mo. 1808
Elijah Haskins Clerk

From one monthly meeting of friends held
 Feb^y 24th of 11th mo. 1808 —

To the monthly meeting of friends at Smithfield
 Dear friends John White, & his wife Elizabeth
 then the verge of your meeting & request our certificate
 for himself & wife, these times are to certify on their be-
 half that they are members of our Society and in a good degree
 of piety lives, & have settled their outward affairs to
 satisfaction as such we recommend them to your
 Christian care & oversight signed in and on behalf
 of our above said meeting by Gideon Mowry
 Elizabeth Mowry Clerk

The proposition of Smithfield Quarterly meeting for
 holding that meeting in future at Bolton in the
 2^d 5th day of the 8th mo. at Leicester in the 11th mo.
 at Smithfield in the 2^d mo. & at Northbridge in
 the 5th mo. all on the 2^d 5th day is acceded to

The judgment of Smithfield Quarterly meeting
 appealed from by Samuel Stead, after that meeting
 committee & S^r Stead had been heard by a committee
 of twelve friends who reported, the case was confirm-
 ed — — —

Extracts from the minutes of Rhode
 Island Yearly meeting held from the 11th of 6th
 month 1808 to the 15th of the same inclusive

Samuel Rodman Clerk

From one Monthly meeting of friends held
 at Northbridge for Wed^y 30th of 12th mo. 1808
 To the monthly meeting of Supio Dear friends
 Samuel Southwick hath removed from us with-
 in the compass of your ^{mo.} meeting & requested
 our certificate then may certify on his behalf

on his behalf that he is a member of this
 meeting and we find by inquiry he hath
 settled his outland affairs to satisfaction
 & for aught ~~we know~~ appears in clear of
 marriage engagements among us as
 such we recommend him to your christian
 care with desires for his growth in the
 truth - Signed in and on behalf of the above
 meeting by - Gideon Mowry
 Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends
 held at Northbridge for Uxbridge 30th of 12th mo
 1800 - To the monthly meeting of Scipio

Dear friends Ezra Southwick hath
 removed from us within the compass of
 your monthly meeting & requested our certi-
 -cate these may certify on his behalf that
 he is a member of this meeting & we find
 by inquiry he hath settled his outland affairs
 to satisfaction & for aught appears in clear
 of marriage engagements among us as such
 we recommend him to your christian care
 with desires for his growth in the truth
 Signed in & on behalf of the above meeting
 by Gideon Mowry Clerk

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Scipio
 Dear friends A. A. Potter informed us that
 he was about to remove within the limits
 of your meeting & requested our certificate
 this is to certify on his behalf that he is a
 member of our meeting, of an orderly life &
 diligent attendee of meetings & on enquiry it
 appears that he has settled his outward affairs
 to satisfaction & is clear of marriage engagement
 amongst us, we recommend him to your
 Christian care - Signed in behalf of Wabridge
 monthly meeting held the 31st of 3^d Mo. 1809
 By Gideon Morrey Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Wabridge 28th
 of 7th Mo. 1809 - To the monthly meeting of friends at Smithfield
 Dear friends, Lyman Chase having removed to your monthly
 meeting, these are to inform that he is a member of our society
 we recommend him to your christian care and oversight
 Signed in behalf of our above said monthly meeting
 by Gideon Morrey Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Wabridge 28th
 of 7th Mo. 1809 To the monthly meeting of friends at Bolton
 Dear friends, Anthony Chase having removed to your
 monthly meeting these are to inform that he is a member
 of our society we recommend him to your christian
 care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our above said monthly
 meeting by Gideon Morrey Clerk

To the bridge Monthly Meeting - Dear friends
 Our esteemed friend Richard Henry in the course
 of his religious visit attended our monthly Meeting &
 visited all the meetings constituting it with com-
 pany & Gospel labour amongst us were to good satis-
 faction. We remain your friends and Brethren
 Signed in and by order of Monks Monthly meeting
 held the 29th of 12th mo. 1858 J. James Martin Clerk

Thomas Samuel & his wife had a right of membership
 in our religious society but through inattention to the
 divine monitor has fallen into several differences
 with his neighbors about various interests & tho he subm-
 itted some of said cases to arbitration, yet at the same time
 used the witnesses that were brought in one case with
 much incivility but in several other cases he refused
 to submit the matters in dispute to the decision of men or
 of any endeavours to settle the controversy though much
 labor was bestowed for that end & also that he might
 take off the reproach he had brought upon our profession
 by his abusive language to the abovesaid witnesses, yet he
 still appeared in an obstinate forward disposition refu-
 sing our advice, we therefore have disowned unity
 with him as a member. Signed on behalf of our monthly
 Meeting of friends held at the bridge the 30th of 1st mo. 1857
 J. James Martin Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Lupton
 Dear friend Henry Hayes informed us that he
 was about to remove within the limits of your
 meeting and requested our certificate for himself &
 family this is to testify that he with his wife & children
 are of our society meeting are of orderly lives & diligent

attendance of meetings and on coming if appears
they have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction
we recommended them with their children, Mary
and George Edwin to your Christian care
Signed on behalf of the Monthly meeting, at
the 31st of June 1837 by Gideon Mowbray & John
Hulder Mowbray

From our Monthly Meeting at Newbridge the
29th of 7th Mo. 1837. To friends of the Quarterly meeting
of Boston where there may come - Dear Friends
Our beloved friend Richard Mowbray having laid
before this meeting a concern which hath become
time has and remains increasingly on his mind to
make a religious visit to friends within the range
of your Quaker, and some adjacent meetings, as hath
may open the way - after deliberate consideration we
we feel easy to leave him at liberty - with our unity &
consent to proceed in said visit, he being a member
& minister in unity among us, as such we recommend
him to your Christian sympathy with desire
that when his service is over, he may be favoured
to return to his family and friends with the
renewal of peace

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting

Gideon Mowbray
Hulder Mowbray (Treas.)

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To the Monthly meeting of friends at
Hudson Dear Friends David Greene with his
wife Molly being about to remove from us within
the compass of your Meeting I have requested
our Certificate, this is to certify on their behalf
that they are members of our meeting, of orderly
lives & conversation and diligent attenders of
meeting and it appears they have settled their
outward affairs to satisfaction - We recommended
them with their children Hannah & James to
your Christian care Signed on behalf of our mon-
thly meeting of friends at Uxbridge the 26th
day of 1st mo. 1810 by — Gideon Nowry
Huldah Nowry (Ck)

To the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge
Dear friends there are to inform you that I have a
desire to be once more admitted a member of your religious
society and I have to acknowledge that I gave way to the
tempter and thereby lost my strength; so fell a victim
to the adversary of my soul and brought a reproach upon
the Christian religion in that of committing, incontinence
for which transgression of mine I am heartily sorry
and can and do condemn the same and desire you my
friends to pass by and overlook my aforesaid misconduct
that I may again enjoy the liberty of a member of your
society -

this from your friend Paul Adrich
Uxbridge the 20th of the 1st mo. 1809

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From our monthly meeting of Friends held at Exbridge
the 25th of the 11th month 1800

Whereas Richard Lappam has had a right of membership
in our religious society but being disobedient to the in-
-ward principle we profess has neglected the due attendance
of our religious meetings and doth not keep to plainness
and has attended a training as a soldier for which devi-
-ations of his he has been laboured with in order to convince
him of his errors but he chusing to persue those ways
and refusing the advice of his friends wherefore we have
disowned him as a member. Signed in and on behalf
of our above said meeting

By Gideon Mowry Clerk

From our monthly meeting held at Exbridge the 27th of
the 1st month 1800 — Moses Farnum son of David who
hath had a right of membership in our religious
society for want of due attention to ^{the} light of grace in
the mind which we believe insight to a religious concern
and regularity hath fallen much short of living up to
our religious testimony. In neglecting the due attendance
of our religious meetings and doth not keep to plainness
and of late hath fallen into contention with one of his
fellow men and in fury of passion struck him on the
head with a handle of wood, for which conduct of his
he hath been laboured with by his friends in order to
bring him to a right sence of his depraved state with-
out finding the desired prospect of a reformation we have
therefore disowned him as a member of our
society. - Signed in and on behalf of said meeting

By Gideon Mowry Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Exbridge
Dear friends Bechiel Fowler has removed from us
within the limits of your meeting & requires our
certification that he is a member of

our meeting. & upon enquiry do not find
 but he has settled his outward affairs to satis-
 faction, as such we recommend him to your
 christian care signed on behalf of the
 meeting held the 15th of 4th mo. 1810
 by Gideon Henry Clerk

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at
 Denby. Dear friends, Charles Starbuck having
 removed within the verge of your meeting
 and requested our certificate this may certify
 on his behalf that he is a member of our meet-
 ing of a peaceably orderly life and conversation and hath
 settled his outward affairs to satisfaction, as such we
 recommend him to your christian care and oversight
 signed on behalf of the meeting
 held the 28th of 12th mo. 1810 by Gideon Henry Clerk

Whereas Winthrop Earle of Exeter has had a
 right of membership in our religious society but
 for want of attention to that principle which we believe
 would soon be his preservation from many hurtful
 things which he has been in the given to, he hath neg-
 lected the attendance of our religious meetings, doth
 not keep to plainness of speech & apparel, attend pleasures
 of merriment & dancing as a fiddler & has been in the
 practice of using profane language, we have laboured
 with him in order to convince him of the evil of such
 conduct & to reclaim him therefrom but he showing no
 disposition for amendment we therefore have disowned unity with
 him as a member of our society. From our monthly meeting
 & friends held at Uxbridge the 29 of 4th mo 1808 & signed on
 behalf thereof by Gideon Henry Clerk

Whereas Isaac Southwick hath had a right
of membership in our society but hath so far
deviated from the principles we profess as to we
much neglect the attendance of our religious
duties, departed from plainness, hath associated with
vain & idle company & hath attended a training as
a soldier for which we consent he hath been be-
-bounded with without the desired effect we therefore
disown unity with him as a member of our society
untill he may be enabled to make satisfaction for
his outgoings - Signed on behalf our monthly
meeting held at Uxbridge 25th of 11th mo 1800
by Gideon Morry Clk

To the Monthly meeting of friends at Uxbridge
Dear friends - Richard Morry attended this meeting
with a certificate of concurrence from your meeting when
company & labors of love has been to our comfort &
satisfaction - Signed in & by direction of our mo.
meeting held at Saratoga 14th of 1st mo 1800 by
Thomas Shepherd
Clk for the day -

From our monthly meeting of friends held at
Uxbridge 10th mo 20th 1800 - Whereas Charles Foster
hath had a right of membership in our religious
society but hath so far deviated from our established
rule as to many contrary to the good order established
amongst us therefore we disown unity with him
as a member Signed in and on behalf of our
above meeting by Gideon Morry Clk

At the monthly meeting of friends at
 Cambridge Dear friends having had a right of
 membership amongst you but through inattention
 to the dictates of truth have so far deviated from
 the good order established amongst friends as to
 attend places of diversion & keep bad company
 which has brought sorrow to myself & a reproach
 upon friends & do condemn the same & desire
 friends to pass it by as also all my other ministers
 and receive me under their care
 Palmyra 26th 4th mo. 1809 Byze & Horick

Our friend Joseph Horick informed this
 meeting that he had a prospect

Philip Lath had a right of membership
 in our society but hath very much neglected the
 attendance of our meetings, hath departed from plain-
 ness hath attended trainings as a soldier & hath
 married contrary to the good order established amongst
 friends, for all which he has been ^{long} labored with for
 his restoration without the desired effect we there-
 fore disown with him as a member Signed on
 behalf of our monthly meeting held at Cambridge
 20th of 4th mo 1809 by Gideon Mowry Clerk

From our monthly meeting of friends held at
 Cambridge 29th of 3rd mo 1809 Whereas David Lapham
 had a right of membership in our religious
 society but through inattention to the divine
 monitor in his own breast has deviated from our
 principles, in that he has neglected the attendance
 of our religious meetings, associates with vain

and unprofitable company, does not observe plainness in dress and language & has joined the militia in training, for which conduct of his he has been labored with in order to bring him to a sight & sense of his error but he giving no encouragement for a return but disregarding his friends advice we have disowned him as a member. signed on behalf of the above meeting by Gideon Moroz Clerk

Whereas Joseph Daniels hath had a right of membership in our religious society but he disregarding that pure principle of truth and the advice of his friends hath brought a reproach on us by neglecting to perform his promises & paying his just debts for which misconduct he hath been labored with without the desired effect we therefore disown unity with him as a member - signed on behalf of our monthly meeting held at Uxbridge the 29th of 9 mo 1819 by Gideon Moroz Clerk

Whereas David Wadsworth has had a right of membership in our religious society but has for a considerable time neglected the attendance of midweek meetings & being treated with upon the matter he said he did not believe in midweek meetings he was also treated with in regard to the fundamental principles of christian religion which it appears to us that he holds in a light contemptible manner denying the divinity of Jesus Christ & also denies that the other part of

The holy scriptures were given forth by inspiration
 of the labor which has been bestowed in order to convince
 him how repugnant such a belief was to our
 principles & the dangers that awaited him therein.
 appears to have no favourable impression on his
 mind therefore we have disowned unity with
 him as a member of our religious society
 signed in & on behalf of our monthly meeting
 of friends held at Uxbridge 29th of 12 mo 1809
 by Gideon Morrey (Wm)

Whereas Caleb Hardy has had a right of
 membership in our religious yet he appears to
 be in a careless unguarded state of mind, wholly
 neglects the attendance of our religious meetings
 speaks of friends in an unbecoming defamatory
 manner & in the little opportunity which has
 been obtained to speak with him in regard to his
 conduct he manifests a disposition which appears
 almost if not wholly out of the reach of advice
 where upon we deny unity with him as a mem-
 -ber - Signed on behalf of Uxbridge monthly meet-
 ing the 27th of 10th mo. 1809 by Gideon Morrey

From our monthly meeting of friends held at
 Richmond 24th of 8th mo. 1809 - To the monthly
 meeting of friends at Uxbridge. Beloved friends
 Mrs Allen a member of our meeting requests
 a few lines from us to you setting forth his
 clearness of marriage engagements amongst us
 in order that he might proceed in marriage

with Shubert Mackentire a member of your
meeting these may certify on his behalf that
on enquiring we find that he is clear of marriage
engagements in our path as such we recommend
him to your friendly notice signed in & on behalf
of our meeting by Elijah Blackness Clerk.

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held at
Uxbridge in the 9th mo. 1809 - Beloved friends these
are to inform that I have of late had some serious
considerations & uneasiness respecting some of my
past conduct having much neglected the attendance
of religious meetings & in that careleft unthought-
ful & inconsiderate state very foolishly took a note
from a man in an unlawful manner and
altho. I settled with the man I feel willing &
as to take off the reproach I have brought upon
my friends as to condemn my past conduct as wrong
& have sometimes unguardedly used foul language
& desire my friends may pass by my past conduct
& continue me a member of this Society hoping
to so lead my life in future as to bring no further
reproach upon this religious testimony
Robert Smith

Our esteemed friend Daniel Aldrich informed this meeting
that he had a prospect of taking a journey to visit
his relations in Adams & also has a prospect of appoi-
-nting within the limits of Adams monthly meeting
which he is left at liberty to do he being a member
of this meeting & minister in unity with us the Clerk
is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute
extracted from the minutes of Uxbridge monthly
meeting by Gideon Mowry Clerk

Edward Enman has had a right of membership in our religious society but having associated with vain & unprofitable company, consumed marriage contrary to our rules tho. pre cautioned & it appears he has been guilty of incontinence we have therefore disowned unity with him as a member - Signed in and on behalf of Northbridge monthly meeting held at Northbridge the 30th of 3rd mo. 1810
by Hous. Ferris Clerk for the day

From Northbridge Monthly meeting of friends held at Northbridge the 1st of 6th mo. 1810 - To Cayman monthly meeting of friends - Dear Friends, Thomas M. Southwick being about to remove from us to you within the compass of your meeting & has requested our certificate this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our society, it appears he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction also appears clear of marriage engagements amongst us we recommend him to your christian care - Signed on behalf of our above sd monthly meeting by
Gideon Morry Clerk -

From our monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 15th of 10th mo 1810 - To the mo. meeting at Northbridge Dear friends - Stephen Buffinton having made application to this meeting for a certificate in regard to marriage. These may certify that he is a member of this meeting & appears to be clear to proceed in marriage with Huldah Morry a member of your meeting - Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Abner Potter Clerk for the day

to the monthly meeting next to be held at
 Uxbridge - Beloved friends there may inform that
 I have been considerable thoughtful for some time
 past respecting some of my past conduct & divisions
 from the pure principle of light in my own
 breast as well as breach of good order & disturbance by
 among friends having inconsiderately attended ban-
 quets & unprofitable company, have also contrived
 & consummated marriage out of the order of friends
 & feel desirous that friends may pass by my
 deviations & receive me under their watchful care
 as a member hoping so to conduct in future as to
 bring no further trouble to my friends and bring
 peace to my own mind. Shalsh Thrich
 Uxbridge 22nd of 3rd mo 1810

To the mo. meeting of friends held at Uxbridge
 Dear friends - Isaac Sabers having requested
 our certificate to your monthly meeting for the
 purpose of marriage with Sarah. Now we
 therefore certify on his behalf that he is a member
 of our society & nothing appears but that he is
 clear of marriage engagements with, & hath had
 consent of parents - Given forth from our mo.
 meeting held at Richmond 23rd of 3rd mo. 1810
 Signed by Elijah Harkness, Clerk

To the mo. meeting of friends held in Uxbridge, Dear friends
 Jonathan White having moved within the limits of your
 meeting, requested our certificate, this certifies that he is a
 member of our meeting has generally attended it, and has been
 his affairs to satisfaction as such we recommend him to your
 christian care given forth at our mo. meeting held in Bolton
 27th of 3rd mo. 1810 & signed in & on behalf thereof by David Smith, Clerk

Whereas David Smith of Haverhill who has had a right of membership in our religious society has so far deviated from the rules thereof as to contract & consummate marriage with one not of our society & having labored with him therefor without having encouragement of his making his friends satisfaction, we have disowned unity with him as a member - Signed on behalf of Haverhill monthly meeting held at Haverhill 9 mo. 1801 by Gideon Harvey Clerk -

Whereas Benjamin Buffum Jr has had a right of membership in our religious society, yet has deviated from our principles in several respects he has wholly neglected the attendance of our meetings does not keep to plainness of speech or dress, has joined the militia in training as a soldier; & he having been labored with in order to reclaim him from such conduct which not having the desired effect, we have disowned unity with him as a member of our society - Signed in & on behalf of Haverhill monthly meeting held the 26th of 1 mo 1810 by Gideon Harvey Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Southfield 9 mo 27 1810 to Haverhill monthly meeting of friends held at Haverhill - Lydia Shaw having removed with her children namely Samuel & Ruth to live within the limits of your meeting & requested our certificate there are to certify on their behalf that they are members of our society the children in a state of infancy & she a widow, her life & conversation are in a good degree orderly, a diligent attendee of meetings when circumstances would admit or enquire of it.

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appears that her entire affairs are settled
& satisfactory. Her such we receive as then
to your abolition & sympathy. Signed by
Section on behalf of our above meeting by
Helen Mathews (Clerk
the Halliburton)

From our monthly meeting of friends
held at Newbridge the 29th of 1st mo. 1813 -
To Seabrook Monthly meeting of friends
Dear friends, Our beloved friend Amos Pease
attended our monthly meeting for the 12th mo
last with your certificate, also attended nearly
all the meetings within our limits whose com-
pany & labor of love in the ministry were
to our satisfaction & comfort -
Signed on behalf of our above meeting
by Gideon Mowry Clerk

From our monthly meeting of friends held
at Newbridge 29th of 1st mo. 1813 - To
Sandwich monthly of friends (Newhampton)
Dear friends, Our beloved friend Benjamin
Hoy attended our monthly meeting for the
12th month last with your certificate as com-
panion for Amos Pease he also attended nearly
all the meetings within our limits whose
company & services were acceptable to us
Signed on behalf of our above said meeting
by Gideon Mowry Clerk

From our monthly of friends held at
 Smithfield Bt^{ch} 5 mo 1810 - To the mo.
 meeting of friends at Uxbridge Dear friends
 John White & wife Elizabeth members of
 our society having removed to live within
 the compass of your meeting they being in
 a good degree of orderly lives & conversation
 have settled their outward affairs as far as
 appear - We recommend them to your Chris-
 tian care - Signed in & on behalf of our
 above said meeting by Rowland Rathburn (R
 Elizabeth Smith (for the
 day

From our Yearly Meeting held in London by
 adjournment from the 23^d of the 5th mo to the
 6th mo inclusive 1810 - To the
 Yearly Meeting of friends in New England.
 Dear friends - Your acceptable Epistle of last
 year, hath been received & read in this meeting
 in which we observe with satisfaction the care
 you have been led to exercise respecting the
 state of the Church in your parts; & we also
 inform you that our minds have been alike
 engaged to inspect into the state of our society
 and in renewed endeavours to promote his cause
 who hath again condescended to aid us with his
 life giving presence - We notice the belief
 you express that a state of quietude hath
 been witnessed by us during a season of
 apprehended commotion a disposition which

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we sincerely desire may be cultivated both
by you & us - that while nations & commu-
nities may be striving with each other we
may study to be quiet, & evidence to them,
that we are desirous of following peace with
all men, & of being his disciples, who came
not to destroy mens lives but to save them
not to kindle the flames of discord, but to pro-
mote harmony & good will amongst mankind.

We also observe with satisfaction, your
concern to extend a helping hand towards the
removal of those complaints which have appe-
ared in the accounts you have received from
your several Quarterly meetings, & desire you
may be encouraged to persevere in so good a
work, that by moving under the influence
of that wisdom which comes from above and
which clothes with the ornament of a meek
and quiet spirit, both you & we may be
enabled to labor for the restoration of those
whose growth has been obstructed by delusive
pernits, and their minds diverted from that
obedience which they owe to him who both
created them for a purpose of his own glory
& in whose favour these is life - Your
solicitude for the safety & preservation of
the beloved youth amongst you, affords us satis-
faction; & we are alike exercised in desire
for those among us that the awakening calls

which have been extended in this meeting by the testimonies concerning many dedicated servants who have lately been removed from the field of labour the closing period of whose lives hath given evidence that the work of righteousness is peace & the effect thereof quietness & assurance forever, may be so laid to heart by those of the rising generation, as that, by walking by the same rules, & mind, doing the same things; there may be & we believe will be a succession not only of those whose feet may be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, but of such also who will be fitted & qualified to support the various branches of our christian testimony, & unto whom this encouraging language may be held forth "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment & I will not blot out his name out of the book of life; but I will confess his name before my Father, & before his Angels" - We affectionately salute and are your friends & Brethren signed in love
 behalf of the meeting aforesaid by
 John Wilkinson clerk
 to the meeting this year

I he gives with answers thereto from the several Quarterly meetings in our area, whereby many deficiencies were opened to the view of the meeting and produced a lively concern in the minds of many present, which gave rise to

many feeling remarks & pertinent observations
 Particularly upon the neglect of our meetings and
 the defect of Love & unity, as well as the baneful
 effect of an indulgence in the use of spirituous
 liquors in some instances express'd in the answers

Accompanied with encouragement to a further
 faithful discharge of individual duty & the prom-
 otion of our testimony in its various branches

At this meeting several Epistles were read from
 other yearly meetings from some of which we there-
 made the following extracts & recommended them
 to our several Quarterly & monthly meetings as
 containing matters worthy of the solid attention
 of our members — We are renewably sensible
 that in our awaiting the labor for the removal
 of deficiencies it is necessary to be replenished with
 a sensible feeling of Love to the great Author of
 our mercies whereby a careful watch is maintained
 over our own steps & a fervent solicitude for the be-
 nefit of others; & wherein honest simplicity, lib-
 eral intentions of duty are attended to, there is ground
 to believe such private labors is often blessed —
 It is sorrowfully obvious that many continue
 in the neglect of attending meetings for the solemn
 expression of divine worship — may the minds of these
 be awakened to a just sense of the dangerous situation
 in which they stand, for we believe it to be impossible
 for any to grow in the root of vitet religion while
 they continue in the habitual disregard of this important
 duty

It is the exercise which we have at this time
felt on behalf of the beloved rising generation
strong desires have possessed the minds of many
brethren that the mighty duties which belong to
Parent & head of Families may be discharged
with increasing faithfulness that the hearts of the
father may indeed be turned to the children & by
dwelling near the principle in themselves they may
be enabled to watch over their tender & susceptible
minds & to lead them along not only by precept but by
the powerful influence of correct example.

"Dear friends, as the present is a season of great
emotion in the world a secret desire hath been felt
& expressed in this meeting that the members of
our society may by an increased circumspection & care
avoid any interference with the political contentions
of the times believing that those who become actu-
ated by such dispositions will be assuredly estranged
from the unity and simplicity of Truth & be led into
a confusion of judgment & feeling which will render the
the blessings of quietness and assurance (which in this
situation) impossible to be attained.

A Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion
of six hundred dollars, agreed to be raised this
year, is sixty dollars which that meeting is bound
to pay to Obadiah Brown treasurer of this meeting
& send an account thereof to the next yearly
meeting - Extract from the minutes of
Rhode-Island Yearly meeting from the 11

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To the 15th of the 6th mo. 1809
inclusive Samuel Hodgman Clerk
to the meeting this year

Extract from the minutes of the yearly
meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island
from the 10th to the 13th of 6th mo. 1800
inclusive — The queries with answers
thereto from the several Quarterly meetings
were read in this meeting which awakened a
concern in the minds of many friends that
led to several feeling judicious remarks, upon the
deficiencies manifested in those answers partic-
ularly in the neglect of our religious meetings,
giving way to sleepiness in some instances, a
defect in love & unity, & the improper use of
spirituous liquors, which we desire may be duly
impressed on our minds & transmitted by the rep-
resentatives to the several Quarterly meetings, with
a caution that we carefully support our Christian
testimony against war, and not indulge a vain
curiosity in attending trainings or any military
exhibitions even as spectators — It is proposed to raise
\$900 for the present year, of which the proportion of
a simplified Quarterly meeting is \$77

Sam. C. Hodgman Clerk
to the meeting this year

It was our monthly meeting held at Thebridge
the 26th of the first month 1810

Samuel Gifford, who hath had a right of
membership in our religious society, hath
deviated from our religious principles by much
neglecting the due attendance of our religious
meetings, & hath paid several fines which were
demanded in consequence of his not complying
with military requisitions & notwithstanding
friends have taken much pains to enlighten his
understanding & bring him to a right sense of
his errors he appears in no disposition for any
reformation we have therefore discovered unity
with him as a member of our society
declared in & on behalf of a meeting by
Gideon Henry Clerk

To Thebridge Monthly meeting of friends
Dear friends - Stephen Southwick having
moved within the borders of your meeting, request
our certificate for himself & family viz Mary
his wife & Daniel Southwick & Sarah Fry
minors under his care, these may certify on their
behalf that they are all members of our meeting
and diligent in the attendance thereof of orderly
live & conversation & have settled their outward
Matters to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we
recommend them to your christian care and oversight
Given forth at our monthly meeting held at

Bottom 26th of 4th mo. 1810 - and signed
on behalf thereof by David Smith (clerk)
Hannah Holders

Joseph Chase Jr. has had a right of membership
in our religious society but choosing the ways of
vanity has deviated from our principles in many
respects particularly has pretty much neglected the
attendance of our religious meetings, has departed
from solemnity, associates with unprofitable com-
pany and has attended a training as a soldier; for
which conduct of his he has been laboured with by his
friends in order to reclaim him therefrom & to convin-
ce him of his error; but he disregarding the advice
of his friends from time to time we have disowned
him as a member, but desire he may come to a state
of repentance & return -
Signed on behalf of our monthly of friends held at
Wobridge 27th of 7th Mo. 1810 by Gideon Morrey (clerk)

From our monthly meeting held at Wobridge
26th of 1st mo. 1810 - James Gifford, who hath
had a right of membership in our religious society
hath deviated from our religious principles by much
neglecting the due attendance of our religious meetings
& hath paid several fines which were demanded in consequence
of his not complying with military requisitions & notwithstanding
standing friends hath taken much pains to enlighten
his understanding & bring him to a right sense of his
error he appears in no disposition for any reformation we
have therefore disowned unity with him as a member of our
society - signed in & on behalf of 1st meeting by
Gideon Morrey Clerk

To the Monthly meeting of friends at
 Wabridge Dear friends - Thomas Shum son
 of Deborah Larned formerly Thain, a minor,
 residing with Laban Comstock within the verge
 of your meeting; being a member of our society
 We recommend him to your care & oversight
 Signed in & on behalf of Smithfield Monthly
 meeting held 4th Mo. 25th 1811 by Howland Nathburn
 Clerk

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at
 Smithfield 6th mo. 27th 1811 - To Wabridge Monthly
 meeting of friends - Dear friends - Ladok Smith
 having requested our removal certificate for him-
 self & family these are therefore to certify, that
 Ladok Smith & his wife Mhoena Smith and their
 children are members of our society, Ladok & his wife
 are pretty diligent attenders of our meetings and of
 society lives & conversations and as far as appears he
 has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. Their
 children's names are William, Susanna & George,
 all which we recommend to your christian care
 & oversight, with desires for their growth in the
 truth - Signed in & on behalf of our above said
 meeting by
 Howland Nathburn
 Alice Nathburn } Clerk

Whereas Daniel Turnum (son of David) has
 had a right of membership in our religious society
 but deviating so far from the principles we profess
 as not to keep to plainness of speech & habit and

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has been in the practice of attending trainings as a soldier &
has consummated marriage contrary to the order
and among us for all which conduct of he has been
labored with by his friends that he might make
satisfaction therefore without the desired effect
wherefore we have disowned unity with him as a
member Signed on behalf of Abolition monthly
meeting held at Northbridge 28th of 6 mo 1811
by Gideon Morry Clerk

To Abolition monthly meeting —
David Hodge having removed within the limits
of your meeting, requested our certificate, these
may certify on his behalf that he is a member
of our society & a diligent attendee of our meetings
of an orderly life & conversation & clear of marriage
engagements among us & has settled his outward
affairs to satisfaction, as such we recommend him to
your Christian care & oversight — Given forth at
our monthly meeting held at Bolton 24th of 7th
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Daniel Wheeler Clerk

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